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**SOUTH CAROLINA**

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO SOLICITATION

TO: ALL VENDORS  
FROM: Michelle Robinson, CPPB, Procurement Manager  
SUBJECT: SOLICITATION NUMBER: USC-IFB-2632-MR  
Provide Liquid Nitrogen & Storage Vessel for the Department of Chemistry Facility –  
Columbia Campus as required.

DATE: July 1, 2014

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This Amendment No.1 modifies the Invitation for Bid only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

**Vendor Questions and Answers  
Opening Date changed from July 7, 2014 to July 9, 2014; Opening Time  
remains the same.**

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BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT NO.1 IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH THEIR BID RESPONSE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY SUBJECT BID TO REJECTION.

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Authorized Signature

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Name of Offeror

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Date

**The following Question was received from Vendor A**

**Question # 1**

What is the University currently paying for the items listed on solicitation USC-IFB-2632-MR?

**Answer**

The current price for the liquid nitrogen is 0.333 per 100 SCF and \$500.00 per month rental charge for vessel.

**The following Question was received from Vendor B**

**Question**

On page 10 of the invitation, a 3,000 gallon storage vessel is being requested. On page 20 of the invitation, the annual volume is listed as 47,500 scf (standard cubic feet). This annual volume would not necessitate a 3,000 gallon storage vessel - rather, something much smaller. How are you currently being supplied? I am wondering if you are currently using cylinders or perhaps dewars. Please let me know your current mode of supply, and verify your annual volume, in order to evaluate your requirement proper.

**Answer**

The storage vessel is primarily used to pump the gas directly to the labs. Sometimes when our dewars are empty, we do go to the vessel and pump gas into them or smaller cylinders. We would prefer to stay with the 3,000 gallon storage tank. The usage is close, although with the vessel being used in the labs it may be higher than 47,500 scf. Due to the piping already done and operating, the vendor awarded the contract would only need to install the storage vessel and all associated pipes and equipment at that location.