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**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

**TO:** ALL VENDORS

**FROM:** Lana Widener

**SUBJECT:** USC-BVB-1824-LW  
Elevator Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services of the Vertical Transportation  
Equipment for the Columbia Campus

**DATE:** October 27, 2010

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This Addendum No. 4 modifies the Invitation for Bid only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

- ITEM ONE:** VENDOR A QUESTIONS (SEE PAGE 2)
- ITEM TWO:** VENDOR B QUESTIONS (SEE ATTACHED)
- ITEM THREE:** VENDOR C QUESTIONS (SEE ATTACHED)
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BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM NO. 4 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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Date

## **VENDOR A QUESTION**

### **QUESTION #1**

As the Procurement Officer for this State of South Carolina Solicitation, we wish to advise you that the confirmation and distribution of the current monthly billing amount as well as the current hourly billing rate for Football Games and Resident Hall Move-ins, for the services covered under this procurement would assist the State in their effort to seek maximum practicable competition once made available to all participating offerors.

Therefore, as a prospective offerer desiring any information that should be available under SC State Law to verify the cost for work currently provided by Thyssenkrupp for the Elevator Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services of the Vertical Transportation Equipment for the Columbia Campus as is related to and outlined by Solicitation # USC-BVB-1824-LW, we are formally requesting that the current monthly billing amount and the current hourly rate for Football Games and Resident Hall Move-ins be distributed promptly to all prospective offerors as an Amendment to this State Solicitation.

Otherwise, please provide any and/or all purchasing, billing, and cost information available under SC State Law for the "Elevator Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services of the Vertical Transportation Equipment for the Columbia Campus" as related to and outlined by the University of SC Solicitation # USC-BVB-1824-LW.

### **ANSWER #1**

Current Monthly Billing: See Amendment #3, Question #1

Football Games: \$211.45 per hour per technician

Resident Hall Move-ins: \$211.45 per hour per technician

## **VENDOR B QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION #1**

The six (6) Otis Gen2 machine room less traction elevators have a Pulse, belt monitoring system onboard to allow Otis to monitor the elevator belts. These Pulse units were manufactured by Otis, due to various states requiring a monitoring system, in order to pass selective state codes. The units are required to safety monitor the belts, but Otis will typically remove the units if they are not provided with maintenance service contract. Will USC demand that Otis keep Pulse belt monitoring systems on all six (6) units? I have taken photos of the units, so I know they are currently onsite.

### **ANSWER #1**

Currently negotiating with Otis. If they are removed by Otis, maintenance vendor must supply similar belt monitors at no cost.

### **QUESTION #2**

Are parking passes provided to contractor at no cost?

### **ANSWER #2**

Yes.

### **QUESTION #3**

Contract states vendor must use similar phone system to University. Please provide type of phones currently used by facilities.

### **ANSWER #3**

Verizon Wireless.

### **QUESTION #4**

- a) Previous amendment states that onsite technicians can't participate in repairs? What is the definition of repairs?
- b) Most technicians take part in rope replacements and minor repairs, unless work exceeds 8 hours, per the IUEC union agreement. Can the onsite technicians participate in maintenance items that do not exceed 8 hours of work?

### **ANSWER #4**

- a) Refer to the solicitation beginning with page 12 and throughout the solicitation.
- b) Yes.

### **QUESTION #5**

Please confirm number of elevators at Byrnes and Graduate Science Research buildings. Only three units were found at each location, although 4 were on the list. We might not have been able to locate the 4th unit, but I would like to confirm the total number of units.

**ANSWER #5**

Byrnes, 3, Grad. Science 4.

**QUESTION #6**

Is the vendor able to negotiate annual escalation rate, based on the published CPI report each year?

**ANSWER #6**

Refer to Section VIII. Terms and Conditions – B. Special

**QUESTION #7**

Can you provide copies of the last state inspection reports?

**ANSWER #7**

Yes. It is approximately 270 pages. If you would like to view the inspection reports they will be available for review up until 4 pm Friday, October 29, 2010 at 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29208.

If you would like copies of the report, there is a charge of \$.10 per page.

**QUESTION #8**

There are a few units that have pre-maintenance work to be completed by TKE, based on safety or previous state inspection reports. Will USC require Thyssen to complete state inspection items prior to leaving campus?

**ANSWER #8**

Yes. The University will negotiate with the current vendor any outstanding state inspection items. The current vendor will be required to resolve any outstanding LLR violations.

## **VENDOR C QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION 1**

Part III. Section B. Is it the intent of this contract that the [on-site personnel](#) have “Company Provided Vehicles”?

### **ANSWER #1**

Yes

### **QUESTION #2**

Amendment 3. Question #8 A prior question asked if the contractor was responsible for Door Panels (Car and Hoistway), Sills (Car and Hoistway), Rails, Car Frames, and Platforms. If there is water damage or water intrusion (which would include rust and corrosion) would replacing or repairing items in question be the responsibility of the contractor under this contract?

### **ANSWER #2**

No

### **QUESTION #3**

Appendix B. Should each unit be priced separately (monthly price) with a total monthly amount for all units at the bottom of the final price sheet? If yes, please identify where the total price shall be written as there is not a specific line at the end of the document instructing the bidder where to write the total monthly price.

### **ANSWER #3**

The total is to be entered on the last line which is highlighted in yellow.