



U N I V E R S I T Y O F
SOUTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT #1

TO: ALL VENDORS

**FROM: VENIS MANIGO
DIRECTOR**

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SUBJECT: USC-FPB-0663-VM, UNARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

DATE: September 8, 2005

This Amendment modifies the solicitation only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

1. ATTACHED ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.
2. THE DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF RESPONSES REMAINS AT SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 AT 11:00 AM.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS AMENDMENT IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN IT **WITH YOUR RESPONSE.**

Authorized Signature

Company

Date

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
USC-FPB-0663-VM

DESUTTER, KERR & ASSOCIATES, INC.

1. Name of the current (or last) contractor

Answer: Sizemore Inc.

2. Line item pricing for the current (or last) contract. (If not available, please provide the contract's annual dollar value.) Please include the Contract Number, and the time period that the pricing represents.

Answer: Billable rate of \$10.39 per hour. The Contract number is USC-IFB-0424-VM. All pricing was for the life of the contract, unless a price increase was requested and deemed justifiable and approved by the University.

3. Abstract/list of bids from the last competition (if available)

Answer: Bids were received from the following vendors

- **Sizemore Inc.**
- **US Security**
- **Security Services of America**
- **Sharp Protective Agency**
- **Defender Services**
- **American Services Inc.**
- **Triple A Reliable**

TRINITY PROTECTION

1. Is this provider list is restricted to DBEs or is it open for any size security guard company?

Answer: The list is open to any company which meets the qualifications outlined in the solicitation document.

2. Since providers will be put on a providers list which does not guarantee selection, why are you requiring the provider to maintain an office in South Carolina?

Answer: In order to provide the quickest possible response and availability of guard coverage.

3. Can the provider be added to the providers list without having an office in SC and open up an in South Carolina if selected from the providers list?

Answer: No.

WACKENHUT

1. I just wanted to clarify that the \$13.00 listed in the bid as the maximum hourly rate is the BILL RATE that we bill you, not the maximum pay we pay the officers, correct?

Answer: This is correct.

US SECURITY ASSOCIATES, INC.

1. Will the University provide for annual wage/price adjustment over the potential five year term of the agreement?

Answer: Yes, to the extent allowable under law. Please add the following to Special Contract Clauses:

Any request for a price increase will be evaluated prior to the exercising the option to extend. The maximum price increase will not exceed the unadjusted percent change from the previous year shown in Table 6 by the commodity code shown below of the most current US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Producer Price Indexes. All contractors will be notified of any such approved increase.

DEFENDER SERVICES, INC

1. The maximum allowable rate for billing per hour is \$13.00. Will the selected vendors be able to bill this rate by the hour for the services of the security manager and /or rover or should the cost for these individuals be considered as overhead cost to be contained in billing rate for individual officer hours?

Answer: Contractors must consider the cost for these individuals as overhead cost.

2. Will it be necessary to purchase/provide parking passes for officers?

Answer: All vehicles must be registered with parking services. These passes are required for officers and are provided without charge. The passes enable employees to park only in the Coliseum lot at any time and in faculty lots from 1400hrs - 0700 hrs.

3. Describe the methods necessary to request annual price adjustments (if allowable).

Answer: See the answer to US Security Associates question #1 above.

4. Please specify the amount charged the current vendor, during the past service year, for liquidated damages.

Answer: At this time this information is not available for release.

5. Is overtime billing allowable for special events and/or requests by the university?

Answer: No.

6. Does the university have standing post orders or will it be necessary to develop such once the contract starts?

Answer: Each post has a set list of duties and responsibilities. The contract specifies many but not all of them. Each position duty will be clearly established with each selected contractor.

7. Typically how much advance notice is given regarding the need for additional officers or the need to cancel a work assignment or post?

Answer: The University typically provides two weeks notice. Some instances may require a shorter time, but will be closely coordinated with the selected contractor.

8. During school breaks, spring break, fall break, Christmas etc. does the security staffing level remain equal to the level required during periods when classes are in session?

Answer: No, given adequate notice, the level of coverage increases to 24 hours a day during special periods such as those outlined in the question presented. Other high need periods may include, but are not limited to, opening weeks and closing periods for the residence halls.