

 <p style="text-align: center;">UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fixed Price Bid Amendment 1</p>	Solicitation Number Date Issued Procurement Officer Phone FAX E-Mail Address	USC-FPB-0961-TLW June 28, 2007 Theresa L. Watts, CPPB (803)777-7776 (803)777-2032 wattsTL@gwm.sc.edu
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DESCRIPTION: COMMERCIAL WOVEN AND NYLON TUFTED CARPET, VCT, AND RELATED ACCESSORIES FOR ALL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPUSES

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal".

TO OBTAIN A BIDDER'S SCHEDULE FOR ALTERING IN EXCEL PLEASE EMAIL THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): July 26, 2007 at 3:00 pm

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) original and (1) one copy

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: July 10, 2007 at 9:00 am

SUBMIT YOUR OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:	PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
University of South Carolina –Purchasing Department 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 606 Columbia, S.C. 29208	University of South Carolina –Purchasing Department 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 606 Columbia, S.C. 29208

AWARD & AMENDMENTS	Award will be posted at the Physical Address stated above on August 1, 2007 . The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following web address: http://purchasing.sc.edu
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You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days after the Opening Date.

NAME OF OFFEROR <small>(Full legal name of business submitting the offer)</small>	OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: <small>(Check one)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate entity (not tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Government entity (federal, state, or local) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE <small>(Person signing must be authorized to submit binding offer to enter contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)</small>	
TITLE <small>(Business title of person signing above)</small>	
PRINTED NAME <small>(Printed name of person signing above)</small>	

Instructions regarding Offeror's name: Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror above. An offer may be submitted by only one legal entity. The entity named as the Offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, *i.e.*, a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

OFFEROR'S HOME OFFICE ADDRESS <small>(Address for the Offeror's principle place of business)</small>		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE	FACSIMILE	E-MAIL
STATE OF INCORPORATION <small>Incorporation.)</small>		<small>(If Offeror is a corporation, identify the state of</small>
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.		

The amendment modifies the fixed price bid only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein. Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of addendum no. 1 by signing in the space provided on the cover page and returning it with their bid response. Failure to do so may subject bid to rejection.

PAGE 6, SECTION II, B

Modify to Read:

Insurance Requirements: Successful vendor(s) must return the liability insurance certificate with his bid response.

Page 9, SECTION III, 8, s

Modify to Read:

Contractor shall remove and reinstall doors when necessary but are not ~~be~~ responsible for cutting off doors.

Question from Brock Contracting

It doesn't cover us enough as some mills will not take products back regardless of a restocking fee. It's as if there should definitely be a restocking fee and a caveat about being contingent on that mills policy perhaps.

Answer:

Page 12, SECTION III 14 a & b

a. Modify to Read:

The University has the right to cancel an order. However, distributors at their option may charge customers a restocking fee for orders that are cancelled on standard line products. All custom order items may be cancelled but the order will be charged to the customer.

b. Modify to Read:

Remove in its entirety.

Page 13, SECTION IV, 2 b

Modify to Add:

An additional bid schedule has been supplied for Tandus and J&J Invision for this section. They are under Tab 1 already; however they were not added to the backing option section.

Page 13, SECTION IV, 2 c

Question from McWaters

I did not see a line item for VCT materials – only installation. Please clarify.

Answer: VCT material is listed in attachment A.

Page 13, Section IV, 3

Modify to Read: Offeror must provide a minimum of three (3) references, within the past two (2) years, for the two lead installers at your company that will perform installation at the University. ~~who will perform installations at the University from the two lead installers at your company, within the past two years. References may be from your company or. Do not use the University of South Carolina as a reference.~~ Provide the Company Name, Contact Person, Street address, City, State, Zip, Contact Phone Number and email address.

Questions from Bonitz

1) Is it possible to get a 1-2 week extension on the bid date due to the fact the manufacturers do not have our pricing ready as of 7/09/07?

Answer: There will be no bid extension.

2) Pricing for material of double stick pad should be at \$6.00 per square yard?

Answer: There will be no price change.

3) The "medium" floor prep is sufficient but the "extreme" should be around \$2.25 for a 1/8" thickness leveling?

Answer: The price will be not price change.

4) Stretch installation should be around \$5.00 per square yard and Double stick should be around \$4.75 per square yard?

Answer: There will be no price change.

5) Is there a place to input a price for VCT material? (Should be listed as "Standard" VCT)

Answer: See answer to question from McWaters listed above for Page 13, Section IV, 2 c.

6) Installation of extreme circles and curves maximum price should be around &2.00 per sf?

Answer: There will not be a price change.

7) Removal of porcelain tile should read \$2.50 per sf and not \$2.50 per sy?

Answer: Change has been made from square yard to square foot.

Page 14, SECTION VI, **Bids Received After Award – Fixed Price Bidding**

Question from McWaters

I read the section – Bids received after award. Is there no penalty for turning in a bid late? There would be an unfair advantage to those who bid after noting others bids. Please clarify.

Answer:

Refer to SC Procurement code 11-35-1520 (8) competitive Fixed Price Bidding- Bids Received after Award.

Evaluating a solicitation for addition to a post awarded contract does not constitute accepting a late bid.

PAGE 17, SECTION VII, B, 2

Modify To Read:

PRICE ADJUSTMENT - LIMITED - AFTER INITIAL TERM ONLY: Upon approval of the Procurement Officer, prices may be adjusted for any renewal term. Prices shall not be increased during the initial term. Any request for a price increase must be received by the Procurement Officer at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the applicable term and must be accompanied by sufficient documentation to justify the increase. If approved, a price increase becomes effective starting with the term beginning after approval. A price increase must be executed as a change order. Contractor may terminate this contract at the end of the then current term if a price increase request is denied. Notice of termination pursuant to this paragraph must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than fifteen (15) days after the Procurement Officer sends contractor notice rejecting the requested price increase.

PAGE 18, VII, B 5

Add for Clarification:

Distributors may request price increases related to their labor prices if manufacturer is denied an increase. The increase cannot surpass the USC maximum installed rate.

Manufacturers should consider the Producers Price Index and Consumers Price Index upon submitting price increases for the not to exceed maximum installed cost.

Page 20, VII B, 19

Modify To Read:

PRODUCT REQUESTS

New products may be added and discontinued items may be removed on a semi-annually basis. ~~Information must be submitted in the same manner as it was for the original bid response on a six month basis.~~ Distributors are responsible for notifying the Procurement Officer on the cover page of the bid in January and July. The excel format must be used to submit the pricing and data as indicated in Tab 1 of this solicitation. The new products and discontinued items must either be submitted on a separate sheet and submit a new sheet master sheet with the items added and removed or a master sheet clearing identifying which items are being added and removed.

Question from McWaters

The maximum pricing number you have in the bid is something that you got from the manufacturer's based on the net pricing they gave you about two months ago. Since the time they gave you pricing most if not all of them have had price increases anywhere from 3% to 6% in their pricing. When we call for our pricing we are going to get the new pricing with the increase figured in and what you will see when we share that with you it is going to be higher that what you got from them. How do we handle that and any thoughts?

Answer:

I requested each manufacturer honor their original pricing provided to me in April for the solicitation. There are allowances for price increases within the solicitation after the initial six month term. Those may be found on pages 17 and 18.

No further questions will be received, except follow questions to this amendment.



Theresa L. Watts, CPPB
Procurement Manager

	A	B	C	D
1	Manufacturer:	Special carpet Finishes:	Add \$/Sq yd.	Minimum Order Yds.
2	J&J / Invision	TitanBac® (polyurethane laminate backing)	\$ 4.75 /SY	100 SY
3		Endure® Plus (polyurethane attached cushion)	\$ 6.50 /SY	100 SY / subject to 5% or 10 ft. overrun
4		ActionBac® LTP	\$ 1.00 / SY	no minimum
5		Antimicrobial Treatment	\$ 0.50 / SY	400 SY / subject to 5% overrun
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	A	B	C	D
1	Manufacturer:	Special carpet Finishes:	Add \$/Sq yd.	Minimum Order Yds.
2	Tandus	None	None	None
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