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**SOUTH CAROLINA**

AMENDMENT NO.2 TO SOLICITATION

TO: ALL VENDORS  
FROM: Kevin Sanders, Procurement Manager  
SUBJECT: SUBJECT: SOLICITATION NUMBER: USC-IFB-2154-KS  
Band Uniforms and Accessories

DATE: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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This Amendment **No.2** modifies the Invitation for Bids only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

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BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT **NO. 2** 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

## **QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM VENDORS REGARDING THE SOLICITATION**

**QUESTION 1:** Are the “University Seal” buttons what is available from The Waterbury Button Company, known as Pattern 17050 “University of South Carolina”? If not, is there artwork that can be forwarded for the actual design of the button, so that specialized costing can be determined for a custom button mold?

**ANSWER:** The buttons are not from any catalogue. The buttons should have the University of South Carolina "palmetto tree" logo. The button should be silver (either nickel or chrome) sample attached.

**QUESTION 2:** Is the center front sandwiched zipper solid brass YKK correct, as stated in the construction specifications? This would be unusual for a coat with silver metallic accents, and a zipper of equal quality could be obtained in either a YKK nylon (to match the fabric next to the zipper) or it could also be a YKK nickel zipper which would match the silver metallic accents of the coat.

**ANSWER:** Zipper should be as specified in the bid.

**QUESTION 3:** The white fabric specified on the uniform is 4030-G263. The current uniforms, made by Stanbury in 2006, utilize a comparable fabric (960-91 White) which is manufactured by Milliken, whose corporate headquarters are based in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The 4030-G263 White fabric is manufactured by a non-South Carolina based company. Would the 960-91 White be an acceptable substitute, as it is available from a South Carolina based company and is of equal or higher quality?

**ANSWER:** “Equal to or better” is acceptable. It will be incumbent on the vendor to prove the offered product is equal or better.

**QUESTION 4:** In the coat section of the styling specifications, under “COLLAR”, the specifications state “C-1 of 8145-6054 Black w/row of 23L Silver Met. Set in approx. 3/8” from edge, matching up with front trim”. The “C-1” is not an industry wide term and doesn’t give enough detail to manufacture the collar trim. It has become quite common for a sketch of the design to be included with styling specifications for clarity. Is there a sketch or photo of the design that is available to clarify the design specifications?

**ANSWER:** See drawings attached to this amendment.

**QUESTION 5:** In the coat section of the styling specifications, under “SHOULDER STRAPS”, the specifications state “SS-2 of 8145-6054 Black w/row of 23L Silver Met. set in 1/4” from edge. The “SS-2” is not an industry wide term and doesn’t give enough detail to manufacture the shoulder strap trim. It has become quite common for a sketch of the design to be included with styling specifications for clarity. Is there a sketch or photo of the design that is available to clarify the design specifications?

**ANSWER:** See drawings attached to this amendment.

**QUESTION 6:** The “SHOULDER STRAP BUTTONS” section of the coat do not specify whether the buttons are attached with the use of a two-hole stay button or a washer and ring as stated on page 15 of the construction specifications. Which is the preferred method for the purpose of this bid?

**ANSWER:** Method of attachment is left to the bidder with the understanding of the testing requirements. Vendor is to insure button attachment will stand up to testing.

**QUESTION 7:** The “FRONT TRIM” section of the coat specification is not clear enough to determine the actual design. It has become quite common for a sketch of the design to be included with styling specifications for clarity. Is there a sketch or photo of the design that is available to clarify the design specifications?

**ANSWER:** See drawings attached to this amendment.

**QUESTION 8:** The “FRONT TRIM” section of the coat specification calls for “550 Black”. This number is not an industry wide term. We assume it is braid, but need to know the width and whether it is a flat or tubular style of braid. Also, the construction specifications under “BRAID” call for “A.H. rice quality or equal”. Is this a “A.H. rice” braid?

**ANSWER:** Bidders’ discretion.

**QUESTION 9:** The “FRONT TRIM” section of the coat specification calls for “four dir. swiss special shaped designs in silver metallic”. In order to manufacture an exact sample for this bid, we would need an illustration of the design.

**ANSWER:** See drawings attached to this amendment.

**QUESTION 10:** The “FRONT TRIM” section of the coat specification calls for “approx. 2 ¾” special dir. swiss emb. “C w/mascot logo of black, garnet & white”. In order to manufacture an exact sample for this bid, we would need an illustration of the design.

**ANSWER:** See drawings attached to this amendment.

**QUESTION 11:** The “SLEEVES TRIM” section of the coat specification calls for “Adjust-a-Length hems”. This is not an industry wide term. Do the sleeves have a standard 2 ½” – 3” hem or are they actually the type of sleeves that have snap tape for alteration/hemming?

**ANSWER:** Snap system for alteration.

**QUESTION 12:** The “SLEEVES TRIM” section of the coat specification calls for “5/8” special style garnet dir. swiss emb. Letters “CAROLINA””. In order to manufacture an exact sample for this bid, we would need the exact name of the font and/or an illustration of the upper sleeve embroidery.

**ANSWER:** See drawings attached to this amendment. Bidder is to match drawing/font type as closely as possible.

13. The “SLEEVES TRIM” section of the coat specification calls for a “3” x 5” diagonal cuff”. It would be common for best appearance to utilize a 50/50 style sleeve with a diagonal cuff. Is this the type of sleeve preferred by the University?

**ANSWER:** Refer to drawings attached to this amendment.

**QUESTION 14:** The “FRONT TRIM” section of the coat specification calls for “550 Black”. This number is not an industry wide term. We assume it is braid, but need to know the width and whether it is a flat or tubular style of braid. Also, the construction specifications under “BRAID” call for “A.H. rice quality or equal”. Is this a “A.H. rice” braid?

**ANSWER:** Refer to drawings attached to this amendment.

**QUESTION 15:** The “BACK TRIM” section of the coat specification calls for “533 Black”. This number is not an industry wide term. We assume it is piping, but need to know if it is fabric piping or actually braid. If it is braid, is it “A.H. rice” braid? If it is fabric piping, is it 8145 Black fabric piping?

**ANSWER: Refer to drawings attached to this amendment.**

**QUESTION 16:** The "BACK TRIM" section of the coat specification calls for "7" special dir. swiss emb. logo of silver metallic". In order to manufacture an exact sample for this bid, we would need an illustration of the design.

**ANSWER: Refer to drawings attached to this amendment.**

**QUESTION 17:** The "LINING POCKET" section of the coat specification calls for a "rt. side tux". This is not an industry wide term. Is this a horizontal or vertical "breast" pocket?

**ANSWER: This is not detrimental to the design and is left to the bidder.**

**QUESTION 18:** The specifications for BIBBER #1 and BIBBER #2 call for "2 ¾" special dir. swiss emb. "C" w/mascot logo of black, garnet & white". In order to manufacture an exact sample for this bid, we would need an illustration of the design

**ANSWER: Refer to drawings attached to this amendment.**

**QUESTION 19:** The "SHAKO" section of the specifications call for "HRT-11" trim and "2 ¾" special silver met. dir. swiss emb. logo". The "HRT-11" trim is not an industry wide term, thus we would need a sketch of the shako to make an exact sample. We would also need an illustration of the embroidered design to make an exact sample shako for this bid.

**ANSWER: Refer to drawings attached to this amendment.**

**QUESTION 20:** The "SHAKO" section of the specifications call for "45L Nic. Lyre" buttons. As these would not match the other buttons specified for the coat, is this correct?

**ANSWER: Both buttons should have the same "Palmetto Tree" logo and should be the same material. Size of each button should be determined by the bidder.**

**QUESTION 21:** The "Special Bid Conditions" on page 11 paragraph #3, calls for an "exact sample" "consistent with the provided sketches", however there are no sketches attached to the bid packet. Are the sketches available for download today?

**ANSWER: See drawings attached to this amendment.**

**QUESTION 22:** If we do not receive the sketches until after 3/1/12, will we be allowed to ask any questions we might have in regard to the sketches and/or any differences that might occur between the sketches and the styling specifications?

**ANSWER: Yes, additional questions will be accepted.**

**ATTACHMENT #1**

Button Design from LOGO

Do not include "University of South Carolina" in button design



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**ATTACHMENT #2**

Block "C" Design







