

 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	INVITATION FOR BID	Solicitation Number	USC-IFB-2497-RB
		Date Issued	September 12, 2013
		Date Posted	September 12, 2013
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DESCRIPTION: Integrated Pest Control Services for the Department of Housing Buildings at the University of South Carolina, Columbia Campus.

USING GOVERNMENT AGENCY: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

SUBMIT OFFER BY: (Opening Date/Time): **September 30, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.** See "Deadline for Submission of Offer" provision

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **September 19, 2013 at 3:00 P.M.** See "Questions From Offerors" provision

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: **One (1) Original in Hardcopy and one (1) copy marked 'Copy' (Original shall prevail) and One Electronic Copy.**

Offers must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:	PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
University of South Carolina – Purchasing Dept. 1600 Hampton St., Suite 606 Columbia, SC 29208	University of South Carolina – Purchasing Dept. 1600 Hampton St., Suite 606 Columbia, SC 29208

See "Submitting Your Offer" provision

CONFERENCE TYPE: N/A DATE & TIME: As appropriate, see "Conferences-Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions	LOCATION:
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AWARD & AMENDMENTS	Award will be posted at the Physical Address stated above on October 03, 2013 . 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 thirty (30) 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"/> Corporate entity (not tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Tax –exempt corporate entity <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>	DATE SIGNED <small>(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)</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.

STATE OF INCORPORATION (If offeror is a corporation, identify the state of Incorporation.)

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.
(See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)

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(Return Page Two with Your Offer)

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for offeror's home office / principal place of business) 	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause) _____ Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile _____ E- mail Address
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PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause) _____ Payment Address same as Home Office Address _____ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses) _____ Order Address same as Home Office Address _____ Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS
 Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)

Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	_____ Calendar Days (%)
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PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences. ***ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU'VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.*** [11-35-1524(E)(4)&(6)]

PREFERENCES - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE: Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(i)&(ii)) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).
 _____ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address
 _____ In-State Office Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

Solicitation Outline

- I. Scope of Solicitation
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I. Scope Of Solicitation

ACQUIRE SERVICES & SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT (JAN 2006): The purpose of this solicitation is to acquire services and supplies or equipment complying with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions.

MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD -- ESTIMATED (JAN 2006): **Date of Award Until One Year After** Dates provided are estimates only. Any resulting contract will begin on the date specified in the notice of award. See clause entitled "Term of Contract – Effective Date / Initial Contract Period".

It is the intent of the University of South Carolina to solicit bids from qualified vendors to provide all required labor, materials, equipment, insurance, permits, licenses and registered pesticides needed to inspect and treat USC Department of Housing Buildings at the University of South Carolina Columbia Campus in accordance with all requirements stated herein.

II. Instructions To Offerors - A. General Instructions

DEFINITIONS (JANUARY 2006) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION.

AMENDMENT – means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.

BUYER – means the Procurement Officer.

CHANGE ORDER - means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract.

CONTRACT - See clause entitled “Contract Documents & Order of Precedence.”

CONTRACT MODIFICATION – means a written order signed by the Procurement Officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the contract authorizes the Procurement Officer to order without the consent of the contractor.

CONTRACTOR - means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.

COVER PAGE – means the top page of the original solicitation on which the solicitation is identified by number. Offerors are cautioned that Amendments may modify information provided on the Cover Page.

OFFER – means the bid or proposal submitted in response this solicitation. The terms “Bid” and “Proposal” are used interchangeably with the term “Offer.”

OFFEROR – means the single legal entity submitting the offer. The term “Bidder” is used interchangeably with the term “Offeror.” See bidding provisions entitled “Signing Your Offer” and “Bid/Proposal As Offer To Contract.”

ORDERING ENTITY - Using Governmental Unit that has submitted a Purchase Order.

PAGE TWO – means the second page of the original solicitation, which is labeled Page Two.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER – means the person, or his successor, identified as such on the Cover Page.

YOU and YOUR – means Offeror.

SOLICITATION – means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.

STATE – means the Using Governmental Unit(s) identified on the Cover Page.

SUBCONTRACTOR – means any person having a contract to perform work or render service to Contractor as a part of the Contractor’s agreement arising from this solicitation.

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT – means the unit(s) of government identified as such on the Cover Page. If the Cover Page names a “Statewide Term Contract” as the Using Governmental Unit, the Solicitation seeks to establish a Term Contract [11-35-310(35)] open for use by all South Carolina Public Procurement Units [11-35-4610(5)].

WORK - means all labor, materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract.

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (JANUARY 2006) (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: <http://purchasing.sc.edu>. (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

AWARD NOTIFICATION (NOV 2007): Notice regarding any award or cancellation of award will be posted at the location specified on the Cover Page. If the contract resulting from this Solicitation has a total or potential value of fifty thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value of one hundred thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation and any award will not be effective until the eleventh day after such notice is given. [02-2A010-1]

BID / PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT (JANUARY 2006) By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with the Using Governmental Unit(s). Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror on the Cover Page. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; “joint bids” are not allowed.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD (JANUARY 2006) In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Officer in writing.

BID IN ENGLISH & DOLLARS (JANUARY 2006) Offers submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in the English language and in US dollars, unless otherwise permitted by the Solicitation.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JANUARY 2006)

(a)(1) By submitting an Offer, Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(i) Offeror and/or any of its Principals-

(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

(ii) Offeror has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.

(2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

(b) Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) If Offeror is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a)(1), Offer must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish additional information as requested by the Procurement Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the State, the Procurement Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION (MAY 2008)

GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.

(a) By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that-

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to-

- (i) Those prices;
- (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
- (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory-

(1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or

(2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the offeror's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification.

CLARIFICATION (NOV 2007): Pursuant to Section 11-35-1520(8), the Procurement Officer may elect to communicate with you after opening for the purpose of clarifying either your offer or the requirements of the solicitation. Such communications may be conducted only with offerors who have submitted an offer which obviously conforms in all material aspects to the solicitation. Clarification of an offer must be documented in writing and included with the offer. Clarifications may not be used to revise an offer or the solicitation. [Section 11-35-1520(8); R.19-445.2080] [02-2B055-1]

CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE (JAN 2006): The South Carolina Code of Laws, including the Consolidated Procurement Code, is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/statmast.htm>. The South Carolina Regulations are available at: <http://www.scstatehouse.net/coderegs/statmast.htm>.

COMPLETION OF FORMS / CORRECTION OF ERRORS (JAN 2006): All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself (including bid schedule). (Applicable only to offers submitted on paper.)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER (JANUARY 2006) Any offer received after the Procurement Officer of the governmental body or his designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated purchasing office or the governmental bodies' mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the bid opening. [R.19-445.2070(H)]

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE (MAY 2011): You warrant and represent that your offer identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award. The two underlying principles are (a) preventing the existence of conflicting roles that might bias a contractor's judgment, and (b) preventing an unfair competitive advantage. If you have an unfair competitive advantage or a conflict of interest, the state may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, an offeror will be notified of the concerns and provided a reasonable opportunity to respond. Efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities, may be considered.

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE CERTIFICATION (JANUARY 2006) By submitting an Offer, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

DUTY TO INQUIRE (JANUARY 2006) Offeror, by submitting an Offer, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the State's attention.

ETHICS CERTIFICATE (May 2008): By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The state may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed. [02-2A075-2]

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (NOV. 2008): (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14. [07-7B097-1]

Procurement Code Transactions: Construction

By signing its bid or proposal, Contractor certifies that it will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agrees to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable both to Contractor and its subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that Contractor and its subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." Contractor agrees to include in any contracts with its subcontractors language requiring its subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14. (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov)

Other Transactions

By submitting an offer, Contractor certifies that it will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (originally enacted as Section 3 of The South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act, 2008 S.C. Act No. 280) and agrees to provide upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) the applicability of Title 8, Chapter 14 to Contractor and any subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) the compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14 by Contractor and any subcontractor or sub-subcontractor. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." Contractor agrees to include in any contracts with its subcontractors language requiring the subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in any contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractor to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE (JANUARY 2006): Do not include any sales or use taxes in Your price that the State may be required to pay.

PROCUREMENT AGENT (AUG 2004) Authorized Agent. All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement.

PROTESTS (JUNE 2006) Any prospective bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest within fifteen days of the date of issuance of the applicable solicitation document at issue. Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within ten days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with this code. A protest shall be in writing, shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided, and must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided. See clause entitled "Protest-CPO". [~ 11-35-4210]

PUBLIC OPENING (JANUARY 2006) Offers will be publicly opened at the date / time and at the location identified on the Cover Page, or last Amendment, whichever is applicable

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS (JANUARY 2006): (a) Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. Questions must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless otherwise stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the procurement officer, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an Amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective offerors. (b) The State seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Officer – as soon as possible – regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition.

REJECTION/CANCELLATION (JAN 2004) The State may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The State may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. [SC Code Section 11-35-1710 & R.19-445.2065.]

RESPONSIVENESS / IMPROPER OFFERS (JANUARY 2006)

(a) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

(b) Multiple Offers. Offerors may submit more than one Offer, provided that each Offer has significant differences other than price. Each separate Offer must satisfy all Solicitation requirements. If this solicitation is an Invitation for Bids, each separate offer must be submitted as a separate document. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, multiple offers may be submitted as one document, provided that you clearly differentiate between each offer and you submit a separate cost proposal for each offer, if applicable.

(c) Responsiveness. Any Offer which fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as nonresponsive. Offers which impose conditions that modify material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected. If a fixed price is required, an Offer will be rejected if the total possible cost to the State cannot be determined. Offerors will not be given an opportunity to correct any material nonconformity. Any deficiency resulting from a minor informality may be cured or waived at the sole discretion of the Procurement Officer. [R.19-445.2070 and Section 11-35-1520(13)]

(d) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. [R. 19-445.2070].

(e) Unbalanced Bidding. The State may reject an Offer as nonresponsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the State even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO OFFERORS (JANUARY 2006) Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of the state Ethics Act. (a) After issuance of the solicitation, ***you agree not to discuss this procurement activity in any way with the Using Governmental Unit or its employees, agents or officials.*** All communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer. This restriction may be lifted by express written permission from the Procurement Officer. This restriction expires once a contract has been formed. (b) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, ***you agree not to give anything to any Using Governmental Unit***

SIGNING YOUR OFFER (JANUARY 2006) Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words "by its Partner," and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint venturer involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offer must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of participant. (e) If an Offer is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Offer must state that it has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.

STATE OFFICE CLOSINGS (JANUARY 2006) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal government processes so that offers cannot be received at the government office designated for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal government processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If state offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference. Useful information may be available at: http://www.scemd.org/scgovweb/weather_alert.htm.

SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (AUG 2002): (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1), or (b) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends is protected by Section 11-35-1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected! If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the State may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not mark the entire page. By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page is conspicuously marked "TRADE SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROTECTED", (2) agrees that any information not marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. In determining whether to release documents, the State will detrimentally rely on Offeror's marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "PROTECTED". By submitting a response, Offeror agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of South Carolina, its officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss,

expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the State withholding information that Offeror marked as "confidential" or "trade secret" or "PROTECTED". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

SUBMITTING REDACTED OFFERS (FEB 2007): You are required to mark the original copy of your offer to identify any information that is exempt from public disclosure. You must do so in accordance with the clause entitled "Submitting Confidential Information." In addition, you must also submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed any information that you marked as exempt, i.e., a redacted copy. The information redacted should mirror in ever detail the information marked as exempt from public disclosure. The redacted copy should (i) reflect the same pagination as the original, (ii) show the empty space from which information was redacted, and (iii) be submitted on magnetic media. (See clause entitled "Magnetic Media Required Format.") Except for the redacted information, the CD must be identical to the original hard copy. Portable Document Format (.pdf) is preferred. [04-4030-1]

SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION (JANUARY 2006) (a) Offers and offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (unless submitted by electronic means) – (1) Addressed to the office specified in the Solicitation; and (2) Showing the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. (b) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, each offer must be submitted in a different envelope or package. (c) Each Offeror must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (d) Offerors using commercial carrier services shall ensure that the Offer is addressed and marked on the outermost envelope or wrapper as prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this provision when delivered to the office specified in the Solicitation. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation. (f) Offers submitted by electronic commerce shall be considered only if the electronic commerce method was specifically stipulated or permitted by the solicitation.

TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES (JAN 2008): Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, a taxpayer having a contract with this State who subcontracts with a socially and economically disadvantaged small business is eligible for an income tax credit equal to four percent of the payments to that subcontractor for work pursuant to the contract. The subcontractor must be certified as a socially and economically disadvantaged small business as defined in Section 11-35-5010 and regulations pursuant to it. The credit is limited to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars annually. A taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for ten consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the first payment is made to the subcontractor that qualifies for the credit. After the above ten consecutive taxable years, the taxpayer is no longer eligible for the credit. A taxpayer claiming the credit shall maintain evidence of work performed for the contract by the subcontractor. The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, "Minority Business Credit." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor's income tax return. Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to: SC Department of Revenue, Research and Review, Phone: (803) 898-5786, Fax: (803) 898-5888. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to: Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance, Phone: (803) 734-0657, Fax: (803) 734-2498. [02-2A135-1]

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (JANUARY 2006): (a) If Offeror is owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (b) of this provision, Offeror shall submit with its Offer the name and TIN of common parent. (b) Definitions: "Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member. "Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number. (c) If Offeror does not have a TIN, Offeror shall indicate if either a TIN has been applied for or a TIN is not required. If a TIN is not required, indicate whether (i) Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States; (ii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a state or local government; (iii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; or (iv) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER (JANUARY 2006) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid. The withdrawal and correction of Offers is governed by S.C. Code Section 11-35-1520 and Regulation 19-445.2085.

II. Instructions To Offerors - B. Special Instructions

SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS

Mark envelopes on questions mailed:

QUESTIONS: USC-IFB-2497-RB

Title: Integrated Pest Control Services-Housing-Columbia Campus

Attn: Reed Bickers

QUESTIONS MAY BE E-MAILED TO: Reed.Bickers@sc.edu

FAXED TO: 803-777-2032 **QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 AT 3:00 P.M.**

DISCUSSIONS WITH BIDDERS (JAN 2006) After opening, the Procurement Officer may, in his sole discretion, initiate discussions with you to discuss your bid. Discussions are possible only if your bid is apparently responsive and only for the purpose of clarification to assure your full understanding of the solicitation's requirements. Any discussions will be documented in writing and shall be included with the bid.

MAGNETIC MEDIA - REQUIRED FORMAT (JAN 2006): As noted on the cover page, an original hard copy of your offer must be accompanied by the specified number of copies in the following electronic format: compact disk (CD) in one of the following formats: CD-R; DVD ROM; DVD-R; or DVD+R. Formats such as CD-RW, DVD-RAM, DVD-RW, DVD+RW, or DVIX are not acceptable and will result in the Offeror's proposal being rejected. Every CD must be labeled with offeror's name, solicitation number, and specify whether contents address technical proposal or business proposal. If multiple CD sets are provided, each CD in the set must be appropriately identified as to its relationship to the set, e.g., 1 of 2. Each CD must be identical to the original hard copy. File format shall be MS Word 97 or later.

PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences. ***ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU'VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.*** [11-35-1524(E)(4)&(6)]

PREFERENCES - RESIDENT CONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): To qualify for the RCP, you must maintain an office in this state. An office is a nonmobile place for the regular transaction of business or performance of a particular service which has been operated as such by the bidder for at least one year before the bid opening and during that year the place has been staffed for at least fifty weeks by at least two employees for at least thirty five hours a week each. In addition, you must, at the time you submit your bid, directly employ, or have a documented commitment with, individuals domiciled in South Carolina that will perform services expressly required by the solicitation and your total direct labor cost for those individuals to provide those services must exceed fifty percent of your total bid price. [11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)] Upon request by the procurement officer, you must identify the persons domiciled in South Carolina that will perform the services involved in the procurement upon which you rely in qualifying for the preference, the services those individuals are to perform, and documentation of the your labor cost for each person identified. If requested, your failure to provide this information promptly will be grounds to deny the preference (and, potentially, for other enforcement action).

PREFERENCES - RESIDENT SUBCONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): To qualify for this preference, You must meet the following requirements. (1) You must -- at the time you submit your bid -- have a documented commitment from a single proposed first tier subcontractor to perform some portion of the services expressly required by the solicitation. (2) The subcontractor -- at the time you submit your bid -- must directly employ, or have a documented commitment with, individuals domiciled in South Carolina that will perform services expressly required by the solicitation and the total direct labor cost to the subcontractor for those individuals to provide those services exceeds, as applicable, either twenty percent for a 2% preference or forty percent of bidder's total bid price for a 4% preference. (3) You must identify the subcontractor that will perform the work, the work the subcontractor is to perform, and your factual basis for concluding that the subcontractor's work constitutes the required percentage of the work to be performed in the procurement. [11-35-1524(D)] You can stack this preference, i.e., earn another 2% or 4% preference for each additional qualifying subcontractor, but the preference is capped. [11-35-1524(D)(4), (E)(7)] Upon request by the procurement officer, you must identify the persons domiciled in South Carolina that are to perform the services involved in the procurement upon which you rely in qualifying for the preference, the services those individuals are to perform, the employer of those persons, your relationship with the employer, and documentation of the subcontractor's labor cost for each person identified. If requested, your failure to

provide this information promptly will be grounds to deny the preference (and, potentially, for other enforcement action). YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE PREFERENCE UNLESS YOU SPECIFY WHETHER YOU ARE CLAIMING THE 2% OR 4% PREFERENCE AND YOU PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ITEM (3) ABOVE.

PROTEST - CPO MMO ADDRESS (JUNE 2006)

Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing (a) by email to protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us , (b) by facsimile at 803-737-0639, or (c) by post or delivery to 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201. [02-2B122-1]

UNIT PRICES REQUIRED (JAN 2006): Unit price to be shown for each item.

III. Scope of Work / Specifications

1. INTRODUCTION

The Department of Housing Facilities Operations, University of South Carolina has a requirement for Pest Control Contract Services. Pest Control Services covered under this contract shall include Integrated Pest Management Services, and “Emergency Support Services.” This contract shall cover all Residence Halls, Family Housing Units, Apartments and Offices/Buildings controlled by the Department of Housing. **See Section VIII BIDDING SCHEDULE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL for the buildings to be covered and square footage as it applies.**

The University desires to continue an Integrated Pest Control (IPC) program with the goal of achieving satisfactory, economical pest control with minimal or negligible human health and environmental consequence. Control is to be considered in terms of both short-term and long-term objectives. Short-term objectives would typically be to eliminate or reduce current unacceptable pest populations. Long-term objectives would focus on the prevention of unacceptable pest populations, and reduce the amount of pesticide applied and the frequency of applications. IPC integrates all pest control methods to include the following:

- Limiting pest access to food, water, and harborage
- Use of traps, baiting and other techniques to remove pests
- Carefully controlled application of pesticides
- Use of least hazardous pesticides

This specification establishes the basic requirements for a comprehensive IPC program for the University of South Carolina (USC). This IPC contract is intended to reduce or maintain pest populations at tolerable levels through the use of minimal amounts of pesticides and by employing other pest control strategies including structural and procedural modifications to reduce food, water, harborage, and access used by pests.

2. BACKGROUND / CONCEPT OF OPERATION

USC residential students are a demanding customer base that in some cases, invite pest problems by failing to maintain sanitary conditions. In addition to our requirement to perform Integrated Pest Control in each building, the contractor must plan for “emergency services” to be rendered in student dorm rooms, apartments, and family housing units. The frequency of these requirements will result in the need for the contractor to send a technician to service this contract at least three (3) times a week. Housing’s internal work order process starts when a student or staff member recognizes a problem and calls 7-FIXX or forwards via the web a pest complaint into the Facilities Operations Work Control Center. The Facilities Operations Work Control Center creates a work order that must be used by the contractor. This contract requires the contractor’s service technician to come to the Facilities Operations Work Control Center in Cliff Apartments between 8:30 and 9:00 am on Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays to pick up work orders and be provided an escort to accompany them to service the specified areas. The contractor's service technician must also respond to Work Control Center calls, if contacted, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Work Control Center will assist the technician initially by prioritizing work orders by building.

The technician will take the work order to the building requiring service where they will meet up with an Operations staff member who will act as their escort. Prior to entering the student room a door hanger will be placed on the entrance door with all areas filled out, except action taken. Prior to entering the student room, the escort will follow work management policy of knocking and announcing themselves. After completing the investigations and rendering the appropriate service, the technician will complete the portion of the door hanger stating what they found, what was done to solve the problem and what the student should expect to happen.

Individual work orders will be returned to the Work Control Center in Cliff Apartments after the day's work is completed. Each completed work order will include the pest and conditions found, remedial action taken, the technician's name and pesticide certification number, and comments concerning any conditions caused by the resident that may have contributed to the problem or other building conditions that may be the source of the problem. If no aggravating conditions exist, that must be noted as well. Work Control needs to maintain a complete and accurate record of all pest control service calls. This information will help to "educate" our customers about what they may be doing to contribute to the problem. This information will be used by Facilities Operations to investigate reoccurring problems.

An additional requirement the contractor must address is an infrequent need for pest control treatment for a room/apartment or group of rooms/apartments. These issues are usually discovered when long term residents vacate an apartment or buildings are vacant during the summer, and include termite/wood destroying organism-WDO treatment, rodent control, and animal removal services. This contracted requirement will be addressed in depth later in the specifications.

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

The Contractor shall furnish all professional/special pest control services including supervision, labor, materials, pesticides, tools, equipment, insurance, permits and fees necessary to accomplish pest control tasks. These tasks include surveillance, trapping, pesticide application, and pest removal, landscaping modifications as appropriate, and assistance with control of pests including termites and carpenter ants, crawling insects, nuisance and rodent control services and are included in this contract.

The Contractor shall supply all equipment needed to provide service. Equipment may include, but is not limited to, ladders to reach all service areas, flashlights and traps. At no time shall the contractor use Department of Housing equipment or tools.

"Pests" are defined as, but not limited to the following: American brown banded, Oriental, German and smoky brown cockroaches, ants, silverfish, rats, mice, bats, bedbugs, flies, wasps, hornets, spiders, ticks " sewer flies", house flies, fruit flies, flour beetles, ladybugs, wood destroying organisms, fleas, and other vermin.

The Contractor shall be financially responsible for obtaining all required permits, licenses and bonds to comply with pertinent Board of Regents, University of South Carolina System regulations, and municipal, county, state and federal laws, and shall assume liability for all applicable taxes.

The contractor will, as a part of this contract, be expected to work closely with the University in

resolving any and all problems resulting during the term of this contract.

4. VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

These items shall be provided for evaluation with the offeror's bid. Failure to provide this information may be considered as grounds for disqualification.

4.1 The contractor shall be licensed to practice pest control in the State of South Carolina, County of Richland, and the City of Columbia. The offeror shall provide current copies of its licenses.

4.2 All Contractor personnel performing work according to this contract shall be appropriately trained and certified to perform the work. Copies of current certificates and licenses shall be provided with its bid for at least five current employees who may be assigned to service this contract. At least three of these individuals shall hold pest control certification while the other two individuals may be registered technicians. Since all three certification operational categories of work are required under this contract, the contractor shall have at least two individuals who are certified in household pest control, two individuals who are certified in wood destroying organism control and one individual who is certified in fumigation. It is acceptable to have the same individual certified in more than one operational category; however, there must be three individuals with current pest control certification and two individuals who are registered pest control technicians.

4.3 The offeror shall present evidence that its firm has been engaged in the pest control business for at least the past five (5) years. Vendors responding to this solicitation shall have experience in servicing a similarly sized and complex customer.

4.4 Offeror shall provide five references. At least two references must be customers whose pest control needs are similar to USC Housing in size and scope. Acceptable references in this category would be Public Housing complexes in excess of 1 million square feet (or 1000 tenants) large apartment complexes, and other university or college housing operations. At least two of the references must be from customers who have used offeror's company's services consecutively for three years or longer. References must include the name, position, telephone number, and current E-mail address of a contact person; size and description of the units/buildings serviced; and how long offeror's company has serviced the customer. If contacted, all of the offeror's clients must verify that a high level of satisfaction was provided.

4.5 The offeror shall provide evidence of financial stability and capability to perform to this contract. For publicly held companies, a copy of the last two years annual reports will be acceptable. For privately held companies a copy of your last two years financial statements, and a letter from your CPA or a copy of your Dunn & Bradstreet report.

4.6 The offeror shall supply background checks on all employees selected to service the USC Housing Account. (See Paragraph 5.3)

5. PERSONNEL, EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND STAFFING

5.1 Pest Management Certification: In cases where the Contractor has two or more persons reporting to work under this contract, one will be designated as supervisor and must be fully certified in all pest management categories in which work is to be performed. Uncertified employees may assist the supervisor in work performance as long as they are in immediate contact with the supervisor. The supervisor will assume all responsibility for their work.

NOTE: "Certification" means a current certificate of competency in pest management in any and all categories or sub-categories as identified by the State of South Carolina.

- 5.2 Employee Management: Personnel relations of Contractor's employees on payroll shall be Contractor's responsibility. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable government regulations related to the employment, compensation, and payment of personnel.
- 5.3 Background Checks: The contractor shall not send any individual to service this contract who has been convicted of any felony crime of violence, theft, crimes against persons, or drug use, or any misdemeanor crime of violence. The contractor shall be responsible for conducting mandatory background checks on all employees sent to USC to service this contract. These checks may be provided by a reputable outside agency. A local records check is not sufficient. Background checks shall be nation-wide in nature. The Department of Housing recognizes that some convictions (such as bouncing a check twenty years ago) shouldn't be grounds to prohibit an individual from doing this work. The contractor may provide documentation concerning such an incident to the Facilities Operations who may rule, solely at his discretion, to permit the individual to work on this contract.
- 5.4 University Housing retains the right to seek prosecution of individuals for acts of property damage, theft and fraud on campus in addition to prohibiting that individual from providing services under this contract.
- 5.5 Sexual Harassment. University Housing is extremely sensitive to charges of sexual harassment. A student accusation of sexual harassment that is investigated by a professional staff member and found credible will result in that technician being prohibited from working on this contract. ***Under no circumstance will a contractor engage in or request to engage in any personal activities with students.***
- 5.6 Uniforms. All contractor service technicians will present a neat appearance and wear a uniform with the company name and the technician's name clearly visible. Contractor-provided identification tags shall be worn in an easily visible manner.
- 5.7 Safety. The Contractor shall take necessary precautions to prevent injury to humans, domestic animals, and property. Special care shall be exercised in the use of liquid pesticides in areas having asphalt, mastic or linoleum surfaces. Special care shall also be exercised in areas where food and children may be present during and after treatment. Contractor personnel shall wear appropriate protective equipment when needed. The contractor shall observe all safety precautions throughout the performance to this contract. All contract work shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local environmental and safety laws. Where there is a conflict between regulations, the most stringent shall apply.
- 5.8 Motor Vehicle Operation. All contractor drivers must be properly licensed by the State of South Carolina for motor vehicle operation and must maintain the required auto vehicle insurance. Vehicles used by Contractor personnel shall be conspicuously marked for identification and regulatory purposes. The contractor shall ensure that any of its drivers are appropriately licensed by the State of South Carolina and insured.
- 5.9 Contract work in student rooms and apartments will be performed between 9:00am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday on normal work days. If holidays or school closings fall on Monday, Wednesday or Friday (the routine pest service days) the contractor will not perform work on those days. Based upon work requirements, The Work Control Center will determine if M, W, F routine service is rescheduled to Tuesday or Thursday. Work in kitchens and other public spaces will also be

done between 9 am and 4pm Monday through Friday on normal work days. Contract work in crawl spaces, mechanical rooms and other secured areas shall be coordinated with the Work Control Center. The Work Control Center will arrange for access to service areas.

5.10 ROOM ENTRY PROCEDURES/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Contractor will be escorted at all times. The Contractor will use the following procedures when entering a student room or apartment:

1. Knock vigorously on door and wait for resident to open door.
2. If there is no answer after a brief pause, knock on the door again.
3. If there is no response, the escort unlocks the door, steps inside the doorway and calls to establish his presence.
4. If there is no reply, the technician, accompanied by the escort, proceeds to render the authorized service.
5. The technician will leave a card or door hanger to notify the resident of the time and date the treatment was accomplished. The technician will include on the door hanger any suggestions for residents that may reduce issues with pests.
6. The rooms and apartments must be checked for security upon leaving the room. The door will never be left in an unlocked position regardless of its status upon arrival. The vendor may enter unoccupied apartments and rooms when service has been requested or a work order has been issued.
7. Before the close of business each day, the technician will return work orders that have been completed to the Work Control Center in Cliff Apartments.

6. PESTICIDES, BAIT TRAPS & STATIONS

6.1 Pesticides: Only EPA, FDA and USDA approved pesticides will be used in a manner so as not to adulterate or contaminate product equipment or product containers as provided by the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act as amended. Pesticides will be changed as Federal and Local regulations change and new products are approved or existing ones become restricted.

The Contractor shall submit to Facilities Operations for approval a list of all pesticides and copies of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) which are to be used in each location and shall not deviate from the pesticides unless written permission is received prior to any change in the use of said pesticides.

The Contractor shall not apply any pesticide that has not been included in the Pest Control Plan or otherwise approved by the Facilities Operations Assistant Director of Safety.

The Contractor shall not store any pesticide on University premises.

6.2 As a general rule, rodent control in buildings will be accomplished with live traps, "one-ways" or bait traps. Traps shall be concealed in protected areas not affected by routine cleaning and operations. Traps will be checked, emptied and cleaned at least three times a week (MWF) or more frequently if requested by Facilities Operations. Spring loaded kill traps will not be used without prior approval of Facilities Operations. If kill traps are approved, they must be checked and cleared daily. Kill traps will only be considered in areas where students/residents do not have access.

6.3 Bait traps and stations: "Ketch-All" traps and bait stations will be placed strategically in food processing areas for immediate rodent control. Bait stations showing activity will be tamper proof and

labeled POISON. Traps shall be labeled to identify the poison being used, date of each service, servicing technician, and the Contractor's phone number. Rodents will be removed, properly disposed of off-campus, and identified on the service report including the trap number.

Do not dispose of dead rodents by putting the carcass in a local dumpster.

Traps shall be numbered and a corresponding number will appear on a premise graph detailing trap locations. Traps shall have a floor number. Contractor will be responsible for timely updating of the graph whenever locations are added or deleted.

Traps and bait stations will be cleaned of rodent hair, decayed matter, and droppings. Removed rodents will be placed in plastic or paper bags and disposed of off campus in a sanitary manner by technicians. The Department of Housing, USC will be not responsible for damage or loss of traps or bait stations.

In exceptional circumstances when rodent poisons are deemed essential for adequate rodent control inside occupied buildings, the Contractor shall obtain approval from the University's manager prior to using rodent poison. All rodent poisons, regardless of packaging, should be placed in inaccessible locations and in EPA-approved tamper-resistant bait boxes.

6.4 Existing insect infestations are to be eliminated and re-infestation will be prevented within practical limits. Only the safest and most effective materials are to be used and they shall conform to Federal, State and Local ordinances and laws.

6.5 Treatment: Each building and kitchen/food service area shall be serviced as part of the integrated pest control program that shall include baiting and poison application as appropriate. In kitchens, all insecticides will be applied within cracks and crevices or spot treatment using a low-pressure pinpoint application to eliminate the possibility of food contamination.

6.6 If physical defects in the facilities are conducive to contamination or infestations, the contractor shall report those conditions on the applicable work order. If these conditions are not corrected or altered, the Contractor will not be held responsible for complete control of said pests. The Contractor shall report any defects or problems that are not corrected in a timely manner to the Department of Housing, Director for Facilities Operations.

7. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

7.1 The contractor shall develop and implement an integrated pest control plan for the Department of Housing.

7.2 The contractor shall conduct a detailed site survey within 10 days of the statement of award of a contract to add necessary detail to their integrated pest control (IPC) plan. Such details will include locations for bait stations and IPC service frequencies.

7.3 Within 20 days, the successful vendor shall provide MSDS sheets for all chemicals and begin implementation of IPC services. The contractor shall also provide written notification that background checks have been completed on technicians identified to service this contract.

7.4 Within 30 days of the statement of award of contract, the contractor shall finalize the IPC plan and present three copies to Facilities Operations for approval and implementation.

Within 30 days of the statement of award of contract the contractor shall coordinate with Facilities

Operations for an on-site orientation with the contractor's service technicians that will be servicing this contract.

7.5 Contractor's technicians must report to Cliff Apartments Work Control Center prior to performing inspections and service calls. Technicians shall report to the Work Control Center between 8:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) to pick up student or staff generated pest control service requests (work orders). These work orders shall be completed prior to 4:00 pm each day. If more work exists than can be accomplished in one day, the Work Control Center will prioritize those requests and the technician shall return the following day to continue the service. After each day's service calls are completed, the contractor's technician shall return the completed work order(s) to the Work Control Center. When campus is closed (weather, holiday, etc.) on routine service days (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) the Work Control Center shall determine if that routine service will be postponed to the next regularly scheduled day, or if service shall be performed on a Tuesday or Thursday.

7.6 EMERGENCY SERVICE: Occasionally, residents may require emergency services. Emergency Services are identical to routine service calls except that Operations has determined that the problem cannot wait until the next routine service day. Emergency Service requests shall be called in to the contractor by Work Control Center staff or his designated representative. Contractor's technicians providing Emergency Services will be escorted to the student's room or apartment. Emergency Service calls shall be billed separately at the agreed upon contract rate. If two or more adjacent rooms/ apartments / suites / family housing units are affected by the emergency service call, then the additional units shall be billed at a lesser rate (**see Section VIII BIDDING SCHEDULE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL**).

7.7 The Contractor shall adequately control pests including but not limited to:

- a. Indoor populations of all species of ants, cockroaches, flies, rodents (mice and rats), stored product pests, spiders, fleas, bats, ladybugs, and millipedes.
- b. Outdoor populations of the above pests within 3-5 feet of any building
- c. Other indoor pests that are a nuisance to occupants (e.g., fleas, gnats, etc.)
- d. Individual excluded pests that are incident invaders inside buildings

7.8 Pests excluded from this contract except as noted:

- a. Mosquitoes
- b. Pests that feed primarily on outdoor vegetation.

8. CONTROL OF WOOD DESTROYING ORGANISMS

8.1 The Contractor shall perform routine wood destroying organisms (WDOs) infestation prevention measures to adequately control populations of termites, carpenter ants, and other WDOs to preserve Housing facilities. Control of wood destroying pests shall cover infestations within 10 feet of building perimeters to include covered walkways. These services shall be included as part of the Integrated Pest Control Plan. Remediation services, should they be required due to discovery during initial inspection are not covered as part of this plan and re-mediation shall be priced separately upon request of the O&M Manager. WDO prevention measures do not include buildings on the historic Horseshoe.

8.2 The Contractor shall inspect each building (except those on the historic Horseshoe) annually for WDOs. The University anticipates that the initial WDO inspections will be completed within three (3) months of receiving this contract. The purpose of the inspections is to determine if buildings are infested with WDOs and to determine the best control methodology to suppress existing WDO

populations and to prevent future infestations. Access to building spaces will be provided by Housing Facilities Operations.

8.3 The Contractor shall advise Housing Facilities Operations where WDO infestations are observed, provide recommendations for WDO population suppression, provide recommendations for structural and/or landscaping modifications to prevent infestations, and total cost (using rates from cost proposal) for WDO treatments. Subslab, barrier, void, pipe/utility line, etc. treatments shall be performed after the approval of the University's contract manager. Approval would be based on review of the proposed treatment for the infestation observed, termiticides proposed, and the expected duration of treatment effectiveness. The Housing contract manager will issue purchase orders for treatments that the department desires.

8.4 As part of the Integrated Pest Control program, routine Preventive building treatments shall be performed annually on each building. If routine treatments are scheduled throughout the year then the building treatment schedule shall become part of the integrated pest control plan. If all buildings are scheduled to be treated at one time, those prevention measures shall be performed during the second quarter of the first contract year and during the first quarter of subsequent contract years. Copies of warranties associated with WDO prevention shall be provided to the Facilities Operations manager as those PM measures are applied.

8.5 The Contractor shall perform WDO control and surveillance in conjunction with routine pest control services during normal working hours.

8.6 Contractors shall wear protective clothing that conforms to the requirements of protection specified on the pesticide label and/or MSDS. Where the Contractor must apply a pesticide in an occupied area, the Contractor should describe how he will prevent occupants' exposure (e.g., evacuation, non-volatile product, small application in cracks, etc.) and how he will determine the airing out period, if needed

9. CONTROL OF NUISANCE ANIMALS

Offerors are not required to control the occasional wild nuisance animal such as squirrels in attic, snakes – (pet or wild), opossums, raccoons, dogs, birds, etc. However, if you do offer this service for any particular animal, please indicate the animal and price on the bid pricing sheet. This capability is not critical to contract award, but the owner has occasional need of such services. If the contractor has capabilities to handle nuisance animals, that shall be included as an optional service in this contract. If the owner determines that the stated price is too high, the owner reserves the right to look elsewhere for nuisance animal control services on a case-by-case basis.

10. INSECT CONTROL

The Contractor is encouraged to use non-pesticide methods of control wherever possible. These methods include use of portable vacuums for initial clean-outs of cockroach and ladybug infestations, swarming insects and spiders in webs, and low visibility trapping devices for indoor fly control other methods that preclude chemical pesticide usage. (Low visibility precludes use of fly strips hung in public areas.)

As a general rule, the Contractor should apply insecticides as "crack and crevice" treatment only (using an appropriate application tool or nozzle). Bait formulations should be used for cockroach and ant control wherever appropriate. Sticky traps should be used to guide and evaluate indoor insect control effort

11. RODENT CONTROL

As a general rule, rodent control inside occupied buildings should be accomplished with traps. All such devices need to be concealed in protected areas so as not to be affected by routine cleaning and other operations. The contractor is responsible for appropriate disposal of all trapped rodents and rodent carcasses in a timely manner.

In exceptional circumstances when rodent poisons are deemed essential for adequate rodent control inside occupied buildings, the Contractor shall obtain approval from Housing Facilities Operations prior to using those poisons. All rodent poisons, shall be placed in inaccessible locations and in EPA-approved tamper-resistant bait boxes. Frequency of bait box servicing by contractor depends on the level of rodent infestation. Bait boxes are maintained by contractor according to EPA regulations and with an emphasis on protecting non-target organisms.

All bait boxes need to be placed out of general view and in locations that will not be disturbed by routine operations. The lids of all bait boxes need to be securely locked or fastened. All bait boxes should be securely attached or anchored to the floor, ground, wall, or other immovable surface. Bait should always be placed in the baffle-protected feeding chamber and never in the runway of the box.

12. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

12.1 The Housing Facilities Operations Director of Custodial Services is designated as the Housing Contract Manager for this contract.

12.2 Reports: The Contractor shall provide a summary report every three (3) months regarding the following pest control activities in addition to daily summary reports and notes on completed work orders:

- Pesticide reduction (amounts and number of applications)
- Recommendation for structural, sanitation, and other repairs needed to reduce access, harborage, food, and water.
- Trouble spots eliminated
- Risk reduction achieved
- Recommendations to change management practices (e.g., policies prohibiting bringing food into certain areas, etc.)

12.3 Coordination Meetings. The contract manager will meet with customers and the Director of Facilities Operations on a weekly basis. The offeror shall include in his cost of doing business, provision for the **contractor's contract manager** to attend one of these meetings every other month to discuss quality of service issues. A supervisor/manager level individual of the contractor will attend this meeting, not a service technician.

Emergency Service: Occasionally, a pest control problem is identified as an Emergency. Emergencies require an on-site presence within two hours and shall be billed separately as emergency service.

12.4 The contract manager shall provide the contractor a Quarterly Status update that identifies ongoing events that will impact the scheduling of Pest Control Treatment during the year. These activities shall include holidays, residence hall opening and closing schedules, unoccupied dormitories, conferences, building renovations or other work that will affect the contractor's work schedule/routine.

12.5 It is important that frequent communication occur between the Contractor and the Housing Facilities Operations contract manager. While the use of work orders, door hangers, and required reports is the preferred means of maintaining communications, direct communication between the contractor and the contract manager is encouraged. The contractor acknowledges that changes to the contract cannot be made or directed by the contract manager. Any and all changes shall be made in writing through the University Purchasing Department.

12.6 Throughout the contract term, the Contractor is responsible for advising the Housing Facilities Contract Manager of any structural, sanitary, or procedural modifications that would reduce pest food, water, harborage, or access. The Contractor is not responsible for carrying out structural modifications as part of the pest control effort. However, the contractor is responsible for minor applications of caulk, expanding foam, and other sealing materials to eliminate harborage or access and these applications shall be performed as routine parts of the pest control plan.

12.7 The Housing Facilities Contract Manager or his written designee shall review all emergency service requests.

13. QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM

During the contract term the Contractor shall establish and maintain a quality control program to assure that the requirements of this contract are met, and will provide three copies to Housing Facilities Operations. These copies shall go to the Director of Facilities Operations who will distribute them to appropriate internal staff. The Quality Control Program is part of the Integrated Pest Control Plan that is due 30 days after statement of award of contract.

At a minimum, the contractor shall send a supervisor to either accompany or check after the service technician every other month, and that supervisor will attend a quarterly meeting with the Director of Facilities Operations and Residence Life management staff. The quality control program shall also include an annual records review to document continued Pest Control certification, continued eligibility to work in Housing (criminal background checks, driver's license current, and current proof of insurance, etc.) and other internally specified (by contractor) technical quality control measures. Contractor Supervisors or managers attending the community directors meetings shall bring contractor summary records of work done in the previous three months in order to answer any community concerns.

The Contractor shall employ the services of a professional entomologist when necessary during the term of the contract. The entomologist would review the quality control program for appropriateness and effectiveness in control pest populations. A copy of the professional entomologist's review and recommendations will be included as a part of the annual Quality Control document. No additional charges to Housing shall apply for this review.

14. INTEGRATED PEST CONTROL

The Contractor shall develop a Pest Control Plan. No pesticide application work may start until Facilities Operations approves the plan.

The plan shall include proposed materials and equipment for service. Actual container labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for chemical pesticides, brand names of pesticide application equipment and trapping devices, pest monitoring devices, pest surveillance and detection equipment, and other pest control used to meet the requirements of this contract shall be included in the IPC plan.

The Contractor shall receive concurrence from the Housing Facilities Contract Manager prior to implementing any subsequent changes to the approved pest control plan including additional or replacement pesticides, and changes in personnel servicing the contract.

Work orders and inspection forms shall be used to advise the Contractor of routine service requests and to document performance of all work, including emergency work. Upon completion of service to a building, the Contractor's employees performing the service shall complete, sign, and date the work order form, and return it to the Housing Work Control Center the same day work is completed.

The Contractor shall perform routine pest control services during normal working hours to the greatest extent possible. Occupant health or productivity shall not be adversely affected. When it is necessary to perform routine work outside normal working hours, the Contractor shall coordinate with Facilities Operations at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of such work. Whenever work is done, the Contractor shall leave a door hanger and any other form of notice of service performed.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the selection of the pesticide and for applying the pesticide according to label instructions. All pesticides used for fulfilling the terms of this contract shall be registered with the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA). Transport, handling, and use of pesticides by the contractor shall be in strict accordance with the label instructions and applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

The Contractor shall adhere to the following rules for pesticide use: When pesticide use is necessary, the Contractor shall employ the least hazardous material, most precise application method, and the least amount of pesticide necessary to achieve control.

The Facilities Operations contract manager shall continually evaluate the progress of performance to this contract in terms of effectiveness and safety, and shall require changes within the scope of the contract as necessary. The Contractor shall take prompt action to correct identified deficiencies.

15. FALL OPENING SERVICE PERIOD

For a two week period during Fall Opening when the majority of students enter new Housing Residences, the Department of Housing requires that the contractor pick up work orders all five days of the week and not just three days a week as required during the rest of the year. This ten-work day period shall not include weekends (unless designated as an "emergency call" by Facilities Operations – in which case, emergency rates shall apply). Fall opening normally occurs in the middle of August each year, however, Facilities Operations shall specify the exact days when daily service is required prior to the beginning of August each year.

IV. Information For Offerors To Submit

INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT – GENERAL (JANUARY 2006): Offeror shall submit a signed Cover Page and Page Two. Offeror should submit all other information and documents requested in this part and in parts II.B. Special Instructions; III. Scope of Work; V. Qualifications; VIII. Bidding Schedule/Price Proposal; and any appropriate attachments addressed in section IX. Attachments to Solicitations.

Bidder Shall Submit with its Bid: From Section III. Scope of Work / Specifications

Return this page with your bid:

B.1 Copy of State of South Carolina, Richland County and City of Columbia business licenses (all of them) allowing your company to conduct pest control business. **Yes _____ No _____**

B.2 Copies of current pest control certificates for those technicians that will service this contract. The responsible vendor shall have at least 6 certified technicians available to service this contract. **Yes _____ No _____**

B.3 Submit evidence that your company has been engaged in pest control business for the past five years. **Yes _____ No _____**

B.4 Provide five references. At least two references must be customers whose pest control needs are similar to USC Housing in size and scope. Acceptable references in this category would be Public Housing complexes in excess of 1 million square feet (or 1000 tenants) large apartment complexes, and other university or college housing operations. At least two of the references must be from customers that have used your company's services consecutively for three years or longer. References must include the name, position and telephone number of a contact person, size and description of the units/buildings serviced, and how long your company has serviced the customer. If contacted, all clients must verify that a high level of satisfaction was provided. Please verify your contact's phone numbers and provide alternate point of contact within that company who can speak about quality of pest control services if primary contact is sick, on vacation etc. **Yes _____ No _____**

B.5 Evidence of Financial stability and capability to perform to contract. **Yes _____ No _____**

B.6 Evidence that technicians selected to service USC Housing have undergone a background check and are not felons, or that a suitable company has been engaged to conduct those background checks. A contract will not be awarded until such certification is complete. Failure to have certification within 30 days of notice of intent to award may, at the discretion of the owner result in selection of an alternate vendor if the next low responsive, responsible bidder has provided certification. **Yes _____ No _____**

Return this page with your bid:

MINORITY PARTICIPATION (JAN 2006)

Is the bidder a South Carolina Certified Minority Business? Yes NO

Is the bidder a Minority Business certified by another governmental entity? Yes NO

If so, please list the certifying governmental entity: _____

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? Yes NO

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? Yes NO

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? Yes NO

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? Yes NO

If a certified Minority Business is participating in this contract, please indicate all categories for which the Business is certified:

- Traditional minority
- Traditional minority, but female
- Women (Caucasian females)
- Hispanic minorities
- DOT referral (Traditional minority)
- DOT referral (Caucasian female)
- Temporary certification
- SBA 8 (a) certification referral
- Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)

(If more than one minority contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.)

V. Qualifications

QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR (JANUARY 2006): To be eligible for award of a contract, a prospective contractor must be responsible. In evaluating an Offeror's responsibility, the State Standards of Responsibility [R.19-445.2125] and information from any other source may be considered. An Offeror must, upon request of the State, furnish satisfactory evidence of its ability to meet all contractual requirements. Unreasonable failure to supply information promptly in connection with a responsibility inquiry may be grounds for determining that you are ineligible to receive an award. S.C. Code Section 11-35-1810.

SUBCONTRACTOR – IDENTIFICATION (JAN 2006): If you intend to subcontract with another business for any portion of the work and that portion exceeds 10% of your price, your offer must identify that business and the portion of work which they are to perform. Identify potential subcontractors by providing the business' name, address, phone, taxpayer identification number, and point of contact. In determining your responsibility, the state may evaluate your proposed subcontractors.

VI. Award Criteria

Award - Award will be made on an "all or none" basis. Prices must be submitted for each location listed. Bids submitted without individual items priced will be considered as "non-responsive" and rejected.

Awarding of Contract - The University of South Carolina reserves the right to award all locations/line items, not award all locations/line items and to add/delete locations as the University's needs change.

AWARD CRITERIA – BIDS (JANUARY 2006): Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s).

AWARD TO ONE OFFEROR: Award will be made to one Offeror, however, the maximum contract value will not exceed \$1,500,000.00 the University's certification level.

UNIT PRICE GOVERNS (JAN 2006): In determining award, unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated

VII. Terms and Conditions - A. General

ASSIGNMENT (JAN 2006): No contract or its provisions may be assigned, sublet, or transferred without the written consent of the Procurement Officer.

BANKRUPTCY (JAN 2006): (a) Notice. In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to the Using Governmental Unit. This notification shall be furnished within five (5) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all State contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the State upon the contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

CHOICE-OF-LAW (JAN 2006): The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE (JAN 2006): (a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Officer, (2) documentation regarding the clarification of an offer [e.g., 11-35-1520(8) or 11-35-1530(6)], if applicable, (3) the solicitation, as amended, (4) modifications, if any, to your offer, if accepted by the Procurement Officer, (5) your offer, (6) any statement reflecting the state's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (7) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complimentary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (6) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in either (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the State or (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) No contract, license, or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions will be signed by any Using Governmental Unit. Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect.

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (JAN 2006)

(a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the offeror. As an alternative to offering a discount for prompt payment in conjunction with the offer, offerors awarded contracts may include discounts for prompt payment on individual invoices.

(b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. If the Contractor has not placed a date on the invoice, the due date shall be calculated from the date the designated billing office receives a proper invoice, provided the state annotates such invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or, for an electronic funds transfer, the specified payment date. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day.

DISPUTES (JAN 2006): (1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Richland County, State of South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by the Government regarding the Agreement is not a waiver of either the Government's sovereign immunity or the Government's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United State's Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided as the Notice Address on Page Two or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (JAN 2006): Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

FALSE CLAIMS (JAN 2006): According to the S.C. Code of Laws § 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money,

valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a crime.

FIXED PRICING REQUIRED (JAN 2006): Any pricing provided by contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Except as otherwise provided in this solicitation, contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms. This clause does not prohibit contractor from offering lower pricing after award.

NON-INDEMNIFICATION (JAN 2006): Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify anyone.

NOTICE (JAN 2006): (A) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the recipient's device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail, if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used. (B) Notice to contractor shall be to the address identified as the Notice Address on Page Two. Notice to the state shall be to the Procurement Officer's address on the Cover Page. Either party may designate a different address for notice by giving notice in accordance with this paragraph.

PAYMENT & INTEREST (MAY 2011): (a) Unless otherwise provided in this Solicitation, the State shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified herein, including the purchase order, payment shall not be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government. (b) Unless otherwise provided herein, including the purchase order, payment will be made by check. (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, payment shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section 11-35-45, which provides the Contractor's exclusive means of recovering any type of interest from the Owner. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is applicable. Except as set forth in this paragraph, the State shall not be liable for the payment of interest on any debt or claim arising out of or related to this contract for any reason. (d) Amounts due to the State shall bear interest at the rate of interest established by the South Carolina Comptroller General pursuant to Section 11-35-45 ("an amount not to exceed fifteen percent each year"), as amended. (e) Any other basis for interest, including but not limited to general (pre- and post-judgment) or specific interest statutes, including S.C. Code Ann. § 34-31-20, are expressly waived by both parties. If a court, despite this agreement and waiver, requires that interest be paid on any debt by either party other than as provided by items (c) and (d) above, the parties further agree that the applicable interest rate for any given calendar year shall be the lowest prime rate as listed in the first edition of the Wall Street Journal published for each year, applied as simple interest without compounding.

PUBLICITY (JAN 2006): Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by State employees, or include the State in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

PURCHASE ORDERS (JAN 2006): Contractor shall not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the using governmental unit. The using governmental unit shall order any supplies or services to be furnished under this contract by issuing a purchase order. Purchase orders may be used to elect any options available under this contract, e.g., quantity, item, delivery date, payment method, but are subject to all terms and conditions of this contract. Purchase orders may be electronic. No particular form is required. An order placed pursuant to the purchasing card provision qualifies as a purchase order.

SETOFF (JAN 2006): The state shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the state with regard to this contract, any other contract with any state department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the state for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto.

SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS (JAN 2006): The Parties' rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.

TAXES (JAN 2006): Any tax the contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by the State, and such sums shall be due and payable to the contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by the State. It shall be solely the State's obligation, after payment to

contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by the State to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the State for any loss (such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS (JAN 2006): Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled. In the event of a cancellation pursuant to this paragraph, contractor will be reimbursed the resulting unamortized, reasonably incurred, nonrecurring costs. Contractor will not be reimbursed any costs amortized beyond the initial contract term.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY (JAN 2006): This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Contract as a third party beneficiary or otherwise.

WAIVER (JAN 2006): The State does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the Procurement Officer has actual authority to waive any of the State's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

VII. Terms and Conditions - B. Special

HIPAA LAW: The Contractor agrees that to the extent that some or all of the activities within the scope of this Contract are subject to the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-91, as amended ("HIPAA"), or its implementing regulations, it will comply with the HIPAA requirements and will execute such agreements and practices as the University of South Carolina may require to ensure compliance. Additional information may be viewed at: <http://www.sc.edu/hipaa/>

PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT - The University of South Carolina requires that all contractual activities to be in compliance with local, state and federal mandates concerning "protection of human health and the environment". In addition, the University of South Carolina is a "Drug Free Work Place" and requires all contractors to comply with South Carolina Code of Laws Section 41-15-10 ET sequence (1976 w/amendments). Any contractor doing business with the University will be required to document compliance with these mandates and to furnish specific information requested by the University's Department of Environmental Health and Safety when notified to do so. The Contractor understands and agrees that jobsites are open at all times work is being performed by the Contractor to authorized University employees who have been trained to identify unsafe work conditions. The Contractor will immediately correct any deficiencies noted by these inspections when requested by the University's Department of Environmental Health and Safety to do so. In work areas where a specific hazard is posed which includes but is not limited to lead paint and asbestos abatement projects, Contractors will be required to produce Lead Compliance Plans and Asbestos Project Designs which outline their method of work prior to the start of work. Each contractor shall designate a responsible member of the Contractor's organization to be at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. By submission of this bid, the vendor agrees to take all necessary steps to insure compliance with the requirements outlined above.

SUBCONTRACTOR SUBSTITUTION PROHIBITED - RESIDENT SUBCONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): If you receive an award as a result of the subcontractor preference, you may not substitute any business for the subcontractor upon which you relied to qualify for the preference, unless first approved in writing by the procurement officer. If you violate this provision, the State may terminate your contract for cause and you may be debarred. In addition, the procurement officer may require you to pay the State an amount equal to twice the difference between the price paid by the State and the price offered by the next lowest bidder, unless the substituted subcontractor qualifies for the preference. [11-35-1524(D)(5)(c)]

CHANGES (JAN 2006):

(1) Contract Modification. By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Procurement Officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:

- (a) drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the [State] in accordance therewith;
- (b) method of shipment or packing;
- (c) place of delivery;

- (d) description of services to be performed;
- (e) time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); or,
- (f) place of performance of the services.

Subparagraphs (a) to (c) apply only if supplies are furnished under this contract. Subparagraphs (d) to (f) apply only if services are performed under this contract.

(2) Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance. If any such change increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the State promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.

(3) Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written contract modification under Paragraph (1) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment. Later notification shall not bar the contractor's claim unless the State is prejudiced by the delay in notification.

(4) Claim Barred After Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract.

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE (JAN 2006): (1) Contractor shall purchase from and maintain in a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina such insurance as will protect the contractor from the types of claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from the contractor's operations under the contract and for which the contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the contractor or by a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable: (a) claims under workers' compensation, disability benefit and other similar employee benefit acts which are applicable to the work to be performed; (b) claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of the contractor's employees; (c) claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than the contractor's employees; (d) claims for damages insured by usual personal injury liability coverage; (e) claims for damages, other than to the work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting therefrom; (f) claims for damages because of bodily injury, death of a person or property damage arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle; (g) claims for bodily injury or property damage arising out of completed operations; and (h) claims involving contractual liability insurance applicable to the Contractor's obligations under the provision entitled Indemnification – Third Party Claims.

(2) Coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis and shall be maintained without interruption from date of commencement of the work until date of final payment. Coverage must include the following on a commercial basis: (i) Premises – Operations, (ii) Independent Contractor's Protective, (iii) Products and Completed Operations, (iv) Personal and Advertising Injury, (v) Contractual, including specific provision for contractor's obligations under the provision entitled Indemnification – Third Party Claims, (vi) Broad Form Property Damage including Completed Operations, and (vii) Owned, Non-owned and Hired Motor Vehicles.

(3) The insurance required by this paragraph shall be written for not less than the following limits of liability or as required by law, whichever coverage is greater.:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY:

General Aggregate (per project) \$1,000,000
Products/Completed Operations \$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury \$1,000,000
Each Occurrence \$1,000,000

Fire Damage (Any one fire) \$ 50,000

Medical Expense (Any one person) \$ 5,000

BUSINESS AUTO LIABILITY (including All Owned, Nonowned, and Hired Vehicles):

Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000

OR

Bodily Injury & Property Damage (each) \$750,000

WORKER'S COMPENSATION:

State Statutory

Employers Liability \$100,000 Per Acc.

\$500,000 Disease, Policy Limit; \$100,000 Disease, Each Employee

(4) Required Documentation. (a) Prior to commencement of the work, contractor shall provide to the state a signed, original certificate of liability insurance (ACORD 25). The certificate shall identify the types of insurance, state the limits of liability for each type of coverage, include a provision for 30 days notice prior to cancellation, name every applicable using governmental unit (as identified on the cover page) as a Certificate Holder, provide that the general aggregate limit applies

per project, and provide that coverage is written on an occurrence basis. (b) Prior to commencement of the work, contractor shall provide to the state a written endorsement to the contractor's general liability insurance policy that (i) names every applicable using governmental unit (as identified on the Cover Page) as an additional insured, (ii) provides that no material alteration, cancellation, non-renewal, or expiration of the coverage contained in such policy shall have effect unless the named governmental unit(s) has been given at least thirty (30) days prior written notice, and (iii) provides that the Contractor's liability insurance policy shall be primary, with any liability insurance of the state as secondary and noncontributory. (c) Both the certificate and the endorsement must be received directly from either the contractor's insurance agent or the insurance company.

(5) Contractor shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice to every applicable using governmental unit of any proposed reduction of coverage limits (on account of revised limits or claims paid under the General Aggregate) or any substitution of insurance carriers.

(6) The state's failure to demand either a certificate of insurance or written endorsement required by this paragraph is not a waiver of contractor's obligations to obtain the required insurance.

Insurance Requirements: The successful bidder must provide a copy of its liability insurance certificate within ten (10) days upon the posting of the intent to award or the statement of award.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS (JAN 2006): During the term of the contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

CONFERENCE – PRE-PERFORMANCE (JAN 2006): Unless waived by the Procurement Officer, a pre-performance conference between the contractor, state and Procurement Officer shall be held at a location selected by the state within five (5) days after final award, and prior to commencement of work under the contract. The responsibilities of all parties involved will be discussed to assure a meeting of the minds of all concerned. The successful contractor or his duly authorized representative shall be required to attend at contractor's expense .

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2006): The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Contract. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.

CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION – GENERAL (JAN 2006): The contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, tools, equipment, labor and professional and non-professional services, and shall perform all other acts and supply all other things necessary, to fully and properly perform and complete the work. The contractor must act as the prime contractor and assume full responsibility for any subcontractor's performance. The contractor will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all situations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all other requirements.

DEFAULT (JAN 2006):

(a)(1) The State may, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to-

(i) Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension;

(ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause); or

(iii) Perform any of the other material provisions of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause).

(2) The State's right to terminate this contract under subdivisions (a)(1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this clause, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Procurement Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Procurement Officer specifying the failure.

(b) If the State terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Procurement Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the State for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.

(c) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7)

strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

(d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

(e) If this contract is terminated for default, the State may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State, as directed by the Procurement Officer, any (1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the State has an interest.

(f) The State shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Procurement Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property; if the parties fail to agree, the Procurement Officer shall set an amount subject to the Contractor's rights under the Disputes clause. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The State may withhold from these amounts any sum the Procurement Officer determines to be necessary to protect the State against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(g) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the State, be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the State. If, in the foregoing circumstances, this contract does not contain a clause providing for termination for convenience of the State, the contract shall be adjusted to compensate for such termination and the contract modified accordingly subject to the contractor's rights under the Disputes clause.

(h) The rights and remedies of the State in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

INDEMNIFICATION -- THIRD PARTY CLAIMS (NOV 2011): Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend and hold harmless Indemnities for and against any and all suits or claims of any character (and all related damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities) by a third party which are attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property arising out of or in connection with the goods or services acquired hereunder or caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of contractor, its subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants, agents, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not caused in part by an Indemnity, and whether or not such claims are made by a third party or an Indemnity; however, if an Indemnities' negligent act or omission is subsequently determined to be the sole proximate cause of a suit or claim, the Indemnity shall not be entitled to indemnification hereunder. Contractor shall be given timely written notice of any suit or claim. Contractor's obligations hereunder are in no way limited by any protection afforded under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts. This clause shall not negate, abridge, or reduce any other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination, cancelation, or expiration of the parties' agreement. This provision shall be construed fairly and reasonably, neither strongly for nor against either party, and without regard to any clause regarding insurance. As used in this clause, "indemnities" means the State of South Carolina, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees. [07-7B100-2]

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (NOV. 2008) (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with

the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14. [07-7B097-1]

LICENSES AND PERMITS (JAN 2006): During the term of the contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining, and maintaining in good standing, all licenses (including professional licenses, if any), permits, inspections and related fees for each or any such licenses, permits and /or inspections required by the State, county, city or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the contract.

MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP (JAN 2006): Unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract, all equipment, material, and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS (JAN 2006): (1) Method of Adjustment. Any adjustment in the contract price made pursuant to a clause in this contract shall be consistent with this Contract and shall be arrived at through whichever one of the following ways is the most valid approximation of the actual cost to the Contractor (including profit, if otherwise allowed):

(a) by agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;

(b) by unit prices specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;

(c) by the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the relevant clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as specified in the Contract; or subsequently agreed upon;

(d) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or,

(e) in the absence of agreement by the parties, through a unilateral initial written determination by the Procurement Officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as computed by the Procurement Officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, subject to the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the S.C. Code of Laws.

(2) Submission of Price or Cost Data. Upon request of the Procurement Officer, the contractor shall provide reasonably available factual information to substantiate that the price or cost offered, for any price adjustments is reasonable, consistent with the provisions of Section 11-35-1830.

PRICING DATA – AUDIT – INSPECTION (JAN 2006) [Clause Included Pursuant to § 11-35-1830, - 2210, & -2220] (a) Cost or Pricing Data. Upon Procurement Officer's request, you shall submit cost or pricing data, as defined by 48 C.F.R. § 2.101 (2004), prior to either (1) any award to contractor pursuant to 11-35-1530 or 11-35-1560, if the total contract price exceeds \$500,000, or (2) execution of a change order or contract modification with contractor which exceeds \$100,000.

Your price, including profit or fee, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the state finds that such price was increased because you furnished cost or pricing data that was inaccurate, incomplete, or not current as of the date agreed upon between parties. (b) Records Retention. You shall maintain your records for three years from the date of final payment, or longer if requested by the chief Procurement Officer. The state may audit your records at reasonable times and places. As used in this subparagraph (b), the term "records" means any books or records that relate to cost or pricing data submitted pursuant to this clause. In addition to the obligation stated in this subparagraph (b), you shall retain all records and allow any audits provided for by 11-35-2220(2). (c) Inspection. At reasonable times, the state may inspect any part of your place of business which is related to performance of the work. (d) Instructions – Certification. When you submit data pursuant to subparagraph (a), you shall (1) do so in accordance with the instructions appearing in Table 15-2 of 48 C.F.R. § 15.408 (2004) (adapted as necessary for the state context), and (2) submit a Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data, as prescribed by 48 CFR § 15.406-2(a) (adapted as necessary for the state context).

(e) Subcontracts. You shall include the above text of this clause in all of your subcontracts. (f) Nothing in this clause limits any other rights of the state.

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RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES (JAN 2006): Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venturer of the other. Neither party has the right or ability to bind the other to any agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party.

STORAGE OF MATERIALS (JAN 2006): Absent approval of the using governmental unit, Contractor shall not store items on the premises of the using governmental unit prior to the time set for installation.

TERM OF CONTRACT – EFFECTIVE DATE / INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD: The effective date of this contract is the first day of the Maximum Contract Period as specified on the final statement of award. The initial maximum term of this agreement is one year from the effective date. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE (JAN 2006): (1) Termination. The Procurement Officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. The Procurement Officer shall give written notice of the termination to the contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.

(2) Contractor's Obligations. The contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination the contractor will stop work to the extent specified. The contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. The contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The Procurement Officer may direct the contractor to assign the contractor's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the State. The contractor must still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as are necessary to do so.

(3) Right to Supplies. The Procurement Officer may require the contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer: (a) any completed supplies; and (b) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this contract. The contractor shall, upon direction of the Procurement Officer, protect and preserve property in the possession of the contractor in which the State has an interest. If the Procurement Officer does not exercise this right, the contractor shall use best efforts to sell such supplies and manufacturing materials in accordance with the standards of Uniform Commercial Code Section 2-706. Utilization of this Section in no way implies that the State has breached the contract by exercise of the Termination for Convenience Clause.

(4) Compensation. (a) The contractor shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with cost or pricing data required by Section 11-35-1830 bearing on such claim. If the contractor fails to file a termination claim within one year from the effective date of termination, the Procurement Officer may pay the contractor, if at all, an amount set in accordance with Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph.

(b) The Procurement Officer and the contractor may agree to a settlement and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the State, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Paragraph (3) of this clause, and the contract price of the work not terminated;

(c) Absent complete agreement under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the Procurement Officer shall pay the contractor the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under Subparagraph (b) shall not duplicate payments under this Subparagraph:

- (i) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract;
- (ii) costs reasonably incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted supplies or services;
- (iii) reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this clause. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with Subparagraph (c)(ii) of this paragraph;
- (iv) any other reasonable costs that have resulted from the termination. The total sum to be paid the contractor under this Subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the contractor reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, and the contract price of work not terminated.

(d) Contractor must demonstrate any costs claimed, agreed to, or established under Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph using its standard record keeping system, provided such system is consistent with any applicable Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

(5) Contractor's failure to include an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not (i) affect the state's right to require the termination of a subcontract, or (ii) increase the obligation of the state beyond what it would have been if the subcontract had contained an appropriate clause.

VIII. BIDDING SCHEDULE / PRICE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL

BID SCHEDULE

SERVICE CONTRACTS

Item	Qty	Unit of Measure	Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	12	Months	Provide all required labor, materials, equipment, insurance, permits, licenses and registered pesticides needed to inspect and treat USC Department of Housing Buildings at the University of South Carolina Columbia Campus in accordance with all requirements stated herein.	\$	\$

Resident Contractor Preference _____

Resident Sub-Contractor Preference (2%) _____ Number of Sub-Contractors _____

Resident Sub-Contractor Preference (4%) _____ Number of Sub-Contractors _____

Note: The service preferences do not apply to a bid for an item of work by the bidder if the annual price of the bidder’s work exceeds \$50,000 or the total potential price of the bidder’s work exceeds \$500,000. [11-35-1524(E)(3)]

Please refer to the preference clauses listed in the additional conditions of this solicitation to ensure that you qualify to select the above preferences.

Bidder is to submit the following for preferences requested above:

- 1) Identify the subcontractor to perform the work:
- 2) Identify the work the subcontractor is to perform:
- 3) Bidder’s factual basis for concluding that the subcontractor’s work constitutes the required percentage of the work to be performed in the procurement.

LIST THE INDIVIDUAL PRICE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEMS. THE TOTAL MUST EQUAL THE UNIT PRICE ABOVE FOR ITEM 1.

The location of these buildings may be found on a map that is located at the following web address:
<http://www.sc.edu/uscmmap/>

BUILDING	BED SPACES	SQUARE FEET GROSS	SQUARE FEET NET	BATHROOMS	PRICE PER INDIVIDUAL BUILDING/MONTH
Bates House	536	139,446	76,640	27 [gang]	
Bates West	396	120,082	74,182	103 [apt]	
Roost	188	59,965	54,023	47 [suite]	
Capstone	579	183,036	124,405	190 [suite]	

Columbia Hall	487	111,777	79,056	131 [suite]	
French House	23	8,684	5,538	6 [apt]	
Gibbs Court	0	3,459	1,847	2 [office]	
Maxcy	182	44,663	25,681	48 [suites]	
Thornwell	60	36,884	32,826	24 [apt]	
DeSaussure	48	25,498	13,592	20 [apt]	
Harper/Elliott	48	25,230	16,294	20 [apt]	
Pinkey/Lagare	48	23,979	16,077	20 [apt]	
Rutledge	46	26,926	16,781	16 [apt]	
Woodrow	99	33,699	29,910	42 [apt]	
Preston	237	66,092	43,034	63 [suite]	
East Quad	443	141,208	89,015	222 [apt]	
South Quad	400	145,000	92,171	192 [apt]	
Green Quad	500	178,313	105,577	256 [apt]	
Honors College	537	191,000	169,990	232 [suite]	
McBryde	250	70,045	51,395	20 [gang]	
Sims	0	0	0	[suite]	off line until August 2014
Wade Hampton	0	0	0	[suite]	off line until August 2014
McClintock	0	0	0	[suite]	off line until August 2014
Patterson	544	170,993	155,449	142 [suite]	
South Tower	423	94,583	47,409	17 [gang]	
Cliff		110,821	65,291	72 [apt]	
Carolina Gardens		67,866	60,360	107 [apt]	
1719 Greene St.		3,097	2,235	1 [apt]	
1723-25-27 Greene St.		6,374	3,235	1 [apt]	
101 S. Bull		960	768	1 [apt]	
105 S. Bull		1,354	1,083	1 [apt]	
109 S. Bull		1,395	1,116	1 [apt]	
201 S. Marion		1,095	845	1 [apt]	

TOTALS 2,093,524 1,455,825 TOTAL PRICE: \$ _____

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES MAY BE REQUIRED ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. THE UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THESE SERVICES FROM CONTRACTOR OR SOLICIT COMPETITION AS NEEDED. PRICING WILL NOT BE A DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE AWARD.

- A. Price for Non-Routine Emergency Service Calls (per call). \$ _____
- B. Price for Each Additional Related Residential Unit serviced as part of the Emergency Service Call. \$ _____
- C. Price to perform empty building/apartment fumigation services. (Base price on 1000 sq. ft. of service area). This shall include any single apartment (up to 7 bedrooms & common areas) or any Family Housing unit. \$ _____
- State number of days that unit must remain sealed after treatment. _____
- D. Price to Fumigate Empty Building (Base price on 10,000 sq. ft.). \$ _____
- E. Pricing for any additional services such as nuisance animal control: (Provide details and submit on a separate sheet of paper). \$ _____

IX. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE - NONRESIDENTS ONLY

Withholding Requirements for Payments to Nonresidents: Section 12-8-550 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires persons hiring or contracting with a nonresident conducting a business or performing personal services of a temporary nature within South Carolina to withhold 2% of each payment made to the nonresident. The withholding requirement does not apply to (1) payments on purchase orders for tangible personal property when the payments are not accompanied by services to be performed in South Carolina, (2) nonresidents who are not conducting business in South Carolina, (3) nonresidents for contracts that do not exceed \$10,000 in a calendar year, or (4) payments to a nonresident who (a) registers with either the S.C. Department of Revenue or the S.C. Secretary of State and (b) submits a Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to the person letting the contract.

The withholding requirement applies to every governmental entity that uses a contract ("Using Entity"). Nonresidents should submit a separate copy of the Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to every Using Entity that makes payment to the nonresident pursuant to this solicitation. Once submitted, an affidavit is valid for all contracts between the nonresident and the Using Entity, unless the Using Entity receives notice from the Department of Revenue that the exemption from withholding has been revoked.

Section 12-8-540 requires persons making payment to a nonresident taxpayer of rentals or royalties at a rate of \$1,200.00 or more a year for the use of or for the privilege of using property in South Carolina to withhold 7% of the total of each payment made to a nonresident taxpayer who is not a corporation and 5% if the payment is made to a corporation. Contact the Department of Revenue for any applicable exceptions.

For information about other withholding requirements (e.g., employee withholding), contact the Withholding Section at the South Carolina Department of Revenue at 803-898-5383 or visit the Department's website at www.sctax.org.

This notice is for informational purposes only. This agency does not administer and has no authority over tax issues. All registration questions should be directed to the License and Registration Section at 803-898-5872 or to the South Carolina Department of Revenue, Registration Unit, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0140. All withholding questions should be directed to the Withholding Section at 803-898-5383.



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
**NONRESIDENT TAXPAYER
 REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT
 INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING**

I-312
 (Rev. 5/7/04)
 3323

The undersigned nonresident taxpayer on oath, being first duly sworn, hereby certifies as follows:

1. Name of Nonresident Taxpayer: _____
2. Trade Name, if applicable (Doing Business As): _____
3. Mailing Address: _____
4. Federal Identification Number: _____
5. Hiring or Contracting with: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
- Receiving Rentals or Royalties From: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
- Beneficiary of Trusts and Estates: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____

6. I hereby certify that the above named nonresident taxpayer is currently registered with
(check the appropriate box):
 The South Carolina Secretary of State or
 The South Carolina Department of Revenue

Date of Registration: _____

7. I understand that by this registration, the above named nonresident taxpayer has agreed to be subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the courts of South Carolina to determine its South Carolina tax liability, including estimated taxes, together with any related interest and penalties.

8. I understand the South Carolina Department of Revenue may revoke the withholding exemption granted under Code Sections 12-8-540 (rentals), 12-8-550 (temporarily doing business or professional services in South Carolina), and 12-8-570 (distributions to nonresident beneficiary by trusts or estates) at any time it determines that the above named nonresident taxpayer is not cooperating with the Department in the determination of its correct South Carolina tax liability.

The undersigned understands that any false statement contained herein could be punished by fine, imprisonment or both.

Recognizing that I am subject to the criminal penalties under Code Section 12-54-44 (B) (6) (a) (i), I declare that I have examined this affidavit and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

 Signature of Nonresident Taxpayer (Owner, Partner or Corporate Officer, when relevant) (Seal) _____
 Date

If Corporate officer state title:

 (Name - Please Print)

Mail to: The company or individual you are contracting with.

OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST

AVOID COMMON BID/PROPOSAL MISTAKES

Review this checklist prior to submitting your bid/proposal.
If you fail to follow this checklist, you risk having your bid/proposal rejected.

- DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF YOUR STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS!
- UNLESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED, DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL BOILERPLATE CONTRACT CLAUSES.
- REREAD YOUR ENTIRE BID/PROPOSAL TO MAKE SURE YOUR BID/PROPOSAL DOES NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO ANY OF THE STATE'S MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPERLY MARKED ALL PROTECTED, CONFIDENTIAL, OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ENTITLED: SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. ***DO NOT MARK YOUR ENTIRE BID/PROPOSAL AS CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, OR PROTECTED! DO NOT INCLUDE A LEGEND ON THE COVER STATING THAT YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE IS NOT TO BE RELEASED!***
- HAVE YOU PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED ALL AMENDMENTS? INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE AN AMENDMENT SHOULD APPEAR IN ALL AMENDMENTS ISSUED.
- MAKE SURE YOUR BID/PROPOSAL INCLUDES A COPY OF THE SOLICITATION COVER PAGE. MAKE SURE THE COVER PAGE IS SIGNED BY A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACTUALLY BIND YOUR BUSINESS.
- MAKE SURE YOUR BID/PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED.
- CHECK TO ENSURE YOUR BID/PROPOSAL INCLUDES EVERYTHING REQUESTED!
- IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION, DO NOT RAISE THOSE CONCERNS IN YOUR RESPONSE! **AFTER OPENING, IT IS TOO LATE! IF THIS SOLICITATION INCLUDES A PRE-BID/PROPOSAL CONFERENCE OR A QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD, RAISE YOUR QUESTIONS AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS!** PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE HEADING "SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS" AND ANY PROVISIONS REGARDING PRE-BID/PROPOSAL CONFERENCES.

This checklist is included only as a reminder to help offerors avoid common mistakes.
Responsiveness will be evaluated against the solicitation, not against this checklist.
You do not need to return this checklist with your response.