



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SOLICITATION

TO: ALL VENDORS

FROM: Charles Johnson, Procurement Manager

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION NUMBER: USC-IFB-2512-CJ

DESCRIPTION: Provide Service, Repair, and Inspection of Fire Detection, Fire Suppression, and othe Life Safety Systems at The University of South Carolina Columbia Campus

DATE: October 11, 2013

This Amendment **No.1** modifies the Requests for Proposals only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

The Deadline for Receipt of Bids (Bid Opening) has been changed to October 28, 2013 at 11:00 AM.

The Award Posting Date has been changed to November 4, 2013.

Pre-Bid Conference scheduled for October 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM has been added to the solicitation.

Pre-Performance Conference clause has been added to the solicitation.

Vendor Questions & Answers

BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT **NO. 1** IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH THEIR BID RESPONSE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY SUBJECT BID TO REJECTION.

Authorized Signature

Name of Offeror

Date

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM VENDOR A:

In our efforts to put together the most competitive bid, we need the following information:

ITEM #1: Building name and # of Wet, Dry, Preaction, and Deluge Fire Sprinkler Systems within each building to be included in this bid (like the list provided with the alarm panels in Lot A)

RESPONSE: See chart in this amendment.

ITEM #2: Building name and # of Standpipes within each building

RESPONSE: See chart in this amendment.

ITEM #3: Are fire hydrants to be tested? If so, how many are there?

RESPONSE: No hydrants to be tested.

ITEM #4: What about underground valves (like PIVs and divisional valves)? If so, how many are there?

RESPONSE: No underground valves to be tested.

ITEM #5: Are all backflows to be tested at the 20 Greek Village houses or just the fire line backflows? If all are to be tested, are there irrigation backflows in addition to the domestic and fire line.

RESPONSE: All backflows are to be tested and that includes irrigation.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WAS RECEIVED FROM VENDOR B:

QUESTION: Can prospective bidders receive a listing of the types and quantities of field devices associated with the tasks of Lot B of the fire alarm services solicitation? One of the most common documents we use in estimating these services is the most recent test & inspection form for each system, which clearly lists the devices, quantities, and most recent condition / performance.

ANSWER: USC will provide a single flash drive that contains previous FA inspection reports with device counts to each vender who request them. All requests must be in writing via e-mail to Daniel Woolwine Woolwine@mailbox.sc.edu and must be received by noon on October 21, 2013. They will be mailed out via USPS. Vendors attending the pre bid conference being held on October 23rd will have the option to pick up the requested flash drives at that time.

THE FOLLOWING REQUEST/QUESTION WAS RECEIVED FROM VENDOR C:

REQUEST/QUESTION: Here is our request. If it helps our cause we carry a 2 million dollar liability policy with a 5 million dollar additional umbrella.

Question about USC Fire Alarm Contract Personnel Requirement:

Will USC allow a NICET Level 3 Fire Alarm to bid the fire alarm contract? NICET Level 3 Fire Alarm exceeds what the State requires to operate a fire alarm business in South Carolina.

Please reference highlighted state fire alarm Section 40-79-230 , 3b, below:

SECTION 40-79-230. Application for license; who must sign; what must be submitted.

(A) An entity desiring to carry on or engage in an alarm system business shall submit an application to the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The owner, partners, or president, as appropriate, must sign the application. The primary qualifying party must also sign the application.

(B) To qualify for a license, the applicant must:

(1) submit a completed application as prescribed by the board;

(2) satisfy the examination requirements prescribed by the board;

(3)(a) for burglar alarms, take the Level I training course and receive a certificate of completion from the National Training School; or

(b) for fire alarms, take the Level I training course and receive a certificate of completion from the National Training School or take the Level II training course and receive a certificate of completion from the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies;

(4) submit proof that the applicant's primary qualifying party is a full- time employee in a management position;

(5) submit a criminal background check of the entity's principal officers, all qualifying parties, and registered employees. The background check must indicate that these individuals are at least eighteen years of age and have not been convicted of any criminal act or committed any acts which are grounds for the denial of a license under this chapter;

(6) submit all documentation required by the department pursuant to the requirements of this chapter;

(7) pay all fees;

(8) the applicant must submit a list of all qualifying parties, registered employees, and branch offices in order to be licensed by the department;

(9) upon the cancellation of an alarm license, the licensee must complete an initial application, pay the appropriate fees, and be issued a new license number; and

(10) the department may provide for an alarm system business license that permits the holder to participate in the burglar alarm system or fire alarm system business, or both.

Our Special Hazards Manger, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, currently holds a NICET level 3 Fire Alarm and level 4 Special Hazards.

His NICET Level 4 Fire Alarm is pending with NICET.

Certification Status

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<u>Field/ Subfield</u>	<u>Subfield</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Expire Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
00301	Water-Based (formerly Automatic Sprinkler) Systems Layout	I		Pending	\$0.00
00303	Fire Alarm Systems	IV		Pending	\$0.00
00303	Fire Alarm Systems	III	04/01/2014	Active	\$0.00
00305	Special Hazards Suppression Systems	IV	04/01/2014	Active	\$0.00

RESPONSE: USC will accept a NICET Level 3; however a level 4 is preferred.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM VENDOR D:

QUESTION #1: The Annual inspection referenced in Lot C has not been provided with a space for pricing on pages 42-44 of the Bid.

ANSWER/RESPONSE: The Annual Inspection of Extinguishers is covered under the cost of Lot G. All other pricing related to the maintenance of extinguishers are covered in Lot C. Please see revised/modified specifications for Lot G in this amendment.

QUESTION #2: Will USC consider an all-inclusive price to do the inspections and repairs associated with a lot of work if proposed separately on the clarification page?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION #3: If we can provide 100% of work for Lot C, D&G can we use a sub contractor for E&I?

ANSWER: No. The University will not allow the contractor to use sub-contractor(s) for either Lot E or Lot I.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM VENDOR E:

QUESTION #1: In Lot B, Specifications, D. Contractor must have at least two technicians that are proven to be competent in servicing/testing the following fire alarms, Simplex, FCI, EST, Notifier and unconventional hardwire systems. Further in the Offeror's Bid response for Lot B must include: E. Certification of Technicians as stated in D. above.

What type of certification of the technicians are you looking for? Factory certifications are not valid if the technicians leave the company they are trained for. Also most of the certifications have expiration dates. Another factor is that when the technician leaves a company the certification paperwork stays with the previous company and therefore the technician does not have a copy. We have technicians that fall under these issues. The knowledge is in the technicians head and cannot be removed, but they do not have a piece of paper to prove it.

ANSWER: USC has decided to strike/remove/delete specification D from Lot B of the solicitation. No certifications are required.

QUESTION #2: Also on the bidders schedule for Lot B it asks for turnkey price with travel for the inspections in hour increments. Most inspections require two people. Is the price you are asking for 1 man hour or 1 crew (2 men) hour?

ANSWER: The hourly rate is for one technician and a helper. 1 Crew (2 men) hour.

**THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE – PRE-PERFORMANCE CLAUSE
HAS BEEN ADDED TO SECTION VII-B OF THE SOLICITATION:**

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 .

**THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE – PRE-BID/PROPOSAL CLAUSE
HAS BEEN ADDED TO SECTION II-B OF THE SOLICITATION:**

CONFERENCE – PRE-BID/PROPOSAL (JAN 2006): Due to the importance of all offerors having a clear understanding of the specifications and requirements of this solicitation, a conference of potential offerors will be held on the date specified on the cover page. Bring a copy of the solicitation with you. Any changes resulting from this conference will be noted in a written amendment to the solicitation. Your failure to attend will not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty and cost of successfully performing the work, or for proceeding to successfully perform the work without additional expense to the State. The State assumes no responsibility for any conclusions or interpretations made by the Contractor based on the information made available at the conference. Nor does the State assume responsibility for any understanding reached or representation made concerning conditions which can affect the work by any of its officers or agents before the execution of this contract, unless that understanding or representation is expressly stated in this contract.

Conference Type: Pre-Bid (Non Mandatory)
Date & Time: October 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM

Location: 1600 Hampton Street
Suite 605
Columbia, SC 29208

UNDER SCOPE OF SERVICES (IN SECTION III OF THE SOLICITATION), THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO LOT B – SPECIFICATIONS F & O:

LOT B: Provide annual testing of fire alarms and smoke detectors per NFPA 72 2010 (National Fire Protection Association) fire alarm code for the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC Campus as needed.

- F. Contractor must also provide a minimum of three (3) cell phone numbers of the **additional** responding qualified technicians that can respond **within one hour of being requested** for back up purposes within 10 days of the date of award.

- O. Inspection/testing for all Housing facilities must be coordinated and completed during the USC summer break effective at the end of the first week in May and to be completed during last week in July. Dates may be subject to change. All access and keys for inspection/testing will be coordinated through USC Housing. **The contractor must have the ability to provide up to four inspections teams at one time if requested by USC.**

Building Name	Fire Sprinkler system	Dry	Manual Dry	Wet	Deluge	Preaction	Antifreeze	Stand pipe	Backflow	PI V
1600 HAMPTON STREET (BELL SOUTH)	All Except 2nd and 3rd floors	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	0
516/518 Main Street	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arnold School of Public Health	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1
ATHLETIC PRACTICE FACILITY	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Athletic Village Garage	Fully	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
B.T.W. AUDITORIUM	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
BARNWELL COLLEGE	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1

Baseball Stadium	Fully	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
BATES CAFETERIA	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
BATES HOUSE DORMITORY	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
BATES WEST DORMITORY	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0
Biomass	Fully	7	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1
BLATT PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	1	0
BULL STREET PARKING GARAGE	N/A	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (CLOSE/HIPP)	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Byrnes Building	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
CALLCOTT SOCIAL SCIENCES	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1
CAPSTONE HOUSE	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1
CAROLINA COLISEUM	Partial	0	0	3	0	0	0	8	1	3
Chemical Storage Shed	Coolers Only	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children's Center @ USC	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
CLIFF APARTMENTS	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1
COKER LIFE SCIENCES	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1
COLLOQUIAM	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
COLONIAL CENTER	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	1	1
COLUMBIA HALL	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0

COMPUTER SERVICES CENTER	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
DAVIS COLLEGE	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
DESAUSSURE COLLEGE	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Discovery Research	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Discovery/String Parking Garage	Partial	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	1	0
Dodie Academic Enrichment	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
DRAYTON HALL	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
EARTH AND WATER SCIENCES	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
EAST QUAD	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	1	0
ENERGY FACILITY - NORTH	Fully	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CENTER	Partial	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
FLINN HALL	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
GAMBRELL HALL	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	0
GRADUATE SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1
GV Alpha Chi Omega 515 Gadsden Street	Fully	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Alpha Delta Pi 508 Gadsden Street	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

GV Alpha Gamma Delta (SPE) 502 Lincoln Street	Fully	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Beta Theta Pi (LCA) 527 Lincoln	Fully	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Chi Omega 509 Gadsden Street	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Chi Psi 508 Lincoln Street	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Delta Delta Delta 520 Gadsden	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Delta Zeta 514 Lincoln Street	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Gamma Phi Beta 527 Gadsden Street	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Kappa Alpha 521 Lincoln Street	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Kappa Delta 514 Gadsden Street	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Kappa Kappa Gamma 520 Lincoln	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Kappa Sigma 808 Mark Buyck	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

GV Phi Mu (OPP) 6 Fraternity Circle	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Phi Sigma Kappa (ATO) 820 Mark Buyck	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Pi Kappa Phi 4 Fraternity Circle	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Sigma Alpha Epsilon 509 Lincoln Street	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Sigma Chi 526 Gadsden Street	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Sigma Nu 515 Lincoln Street	Fully	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
GV Zeta Tau Alpha 814 Mark Buyck	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
HARPER ELLIOTT	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
HEALTH SCIENCES, COLLEGE OF	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Hollings Special Collections Library	Fully	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	1	1
Honors Dorm	Fully	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0
Horizon Parking garage	Partial	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Horizon Research	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
HUMANITIES CLASSROOM BUILDING	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0

McMASTER COLLEGE / FRASER HALL	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	2	5	1	2
MUSIC COMPLEX	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
NADA APARTMENTS/ French House	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
New Band Hall	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Old ETV Bldg.	Fully	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
PAPERSTOCK	Fully	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PATTERSON HALL DORMITORY	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
PEARLE LABORATORY	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Petigru	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Pinckney-Legare	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
PRESS STORAGE	Partial	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRESTON DORMITORY	Fully	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rice Athletic Center (CSO)	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1
ROOST [MARION STREET DORM]	Partial, only in Trash Rooms	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
RUSSELL HOUSE	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1
RUSSELL HOUSE CAFETERIA	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
RUTLEDGE COLLEGE and CHAPEL	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
School of Nursing	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1

SENATE STREET PARKING FACILITY	N/A	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
SIMS DORM	Fully	Under	Const	uction						
SLOAN COLLEGE	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Softball Stadium	Fully	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
SOUTH CAROLINIANA LIBRARY	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
SOUTH QUAD	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	1	0
SOUTH TOWER	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Spigner House	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
STROM THURMOND FITNESS & WELLNESS CENTER	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
SWEARINGEN ENGINEERING CENTER	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	0
THOMAS COOPER LIBRARY	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	3
THOMPSON STUDENT HEALTH CENTER	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
THORNWELL COLLEGE - RESIDENTIAL SECTION	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0
THORNWELL COLLEGE (ADMIN. ANNEX)	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
WADE HAMPTON DORMITORY	Fully	Under	Const	uction						
West Quad A	Fully	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	0

West Quad B	Fully	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
West Quad C	Fully	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
West Quad D	Fully	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Williams Brice Stadium South Endzone	Partial	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	0
Williams Brice Stadium West Stands	Partial	1	0	1	0	0	0	13	1	0
WOODROW COLLEGE	Fully	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	1
Total		44	8	105	8	3	5	225	96	49

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR LOT G HAS BEEN MODIFIED/REVISED AND NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

Specifications:

- A. The contractor will be responsible for the 30 day extinguisher check, annual maintenance and servicing of all University fire extinguishers per NFPA 10.
- B. The contractor will provide the labor to check fire extinguishers every 30 days by initialing the existing University of South Carolina fire extinguisher tag.
- C. The contractor's inspectors must receive documented training from USC Fire Safety before inspecting fire extinguishers.
- D. The contractor must provide a background check from SLED for all inspectors and may be subject to back ground checks performed by the department of USC Law Enforcement and Safety.
- E. The contractor's inspector must provide in clear view identification while working in USC buildings.
- F. The University reserves the right to remove any contractor inspectors from USC property that are found to exhibit inappropriate behavior.
- G. The contractor's inspector will only be allowed to work during University business hours unless previous arrangements are made with USC Fire Safety.
- H. The contractor's inspector must observe all OSHA and Safety Laws while on Campus.
- I. The contractor's inspector must replace any non-compliant extinguishers with a compliant extinguisher from USC stock immediately.
- J. The contractor's inspector must report theft and vandalism of extinguishers to USC Fire Safety in writing.
- K. USC will not allow any subcontractors.
- L. The contractor will be responsible for the annual inspection as part of the monthly check.**
- M. The contractor must replace the extinguisher(s) that is in need of service with an extinguisher(s) from USC stock.**