



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT NO.3

TO: ALL VENDORS

FROM: Lana Widener

SUBJECT: USC-IFB-3493-LW
Furnish, Deliver, and Install Transformation Furniture for USC Bates West
Dormitory

DATE: May 20, 2019

This Amendment No. 3 modifies the Invitation for Bids only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

ITEM ONE: VENDOR QUESTION(S)

Question #1:

Good afternoon – do you have pictures or more specific specification information for the Ashton sofa and Ridge armless chair

Answer:

Section VIII. BIDDING SCHEDULE / PRICE - BUSINESS PROPOSAL provides the product number for each line item; for example, item #1 is listed as “AS-S-SA”, item #2 is listed as “RD3-S1-28”, etc.

Question #2:

Can you tell me if they will accept any substitutions, we have a source that has supplied UNCC with their dormitory furniture for many years and many projects that we would like to submit for this project.

Answer:

No substitutions are allowed.

Question #3:

I don't think we can bid directly because we don't have an office in SC.....I was hoping that requirement changed with the new rules but I guess it hasn't.

Answer:

USC requested clarification.

Response from Vendor for clarification:

On page 10:

PREFERENCES - RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): To qualify for the RVP, you must maintain an office in this state.....

I read this to mean that we needed to provide the furniture through a local dealer as in the past.....am I misreading that? Is that only to achieve "preference"?

Answer:

This in reference only to preference, to claim the resident vendor preference on your bid. If you do not have an office in SC you would not be able to check the box in the Bid Schedule, Section VIII. BIDDING SCHEDULE / PRICE - BUSINESS PROPOSAL

Per Section **II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS** Bid Clause **PREFERENCES – A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP 2009)** it states "A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences ." should you require further clarification.

Also, reference the following bid clause in Section **II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**
PREFERENCES - RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): To qualify for the RVP, 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 either: (1) maintain at a location in South Carolina at the time of the bid an inventory of expendable items which are representative of the general type of commodities for which the award will be made and which have a minimum total value, based on the bid price, equal to the lesser of fifty thousand dollars [\$50,000] or the annual amount of the contract; or (2) be a manufacturer headquartered and having an annual payroll of at least one million dollars in South Carolina and the end product being sold is either made or processed from raw materials into a finished end product by that manufacturer or its affiliate (as defined in Section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code).

BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH THEIR BID RESPONSE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY SUBJECT BID TO REJECTION.

Authorized Signature

Firm

Date