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Solicitation Number: USC-IFB-3628-CJ
Date Issued: April 28, 2020
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DESCRIPTION: PROVIDE ALL LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FOR UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN CAMPUS

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Paper Offer or Modification" provision.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:
 University of South Carolina – Purchasing Department
 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 606
 Columbia SC 29208

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
 University of South Carolina – Purchasing Department
 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 606
 Columbia SC 29208

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM (EDT) (See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: April 28, 2020 at 11:00 AM (EDT) (See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: 1 (one) Original Hard Copy each for Technical & Price Proposals;
 3 (three) Digital versions of technical proposal on USB drive;
 1 (one) Digital version of Price Proposal on USB Drive; and
 1 (one) each Digital version(s) of redacted Technical & Price proposals on USB Drive

CONFERENCE TYPE: Not Applicable

LOCATION: Not Applicable

DATE & TIME:

(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)

**AWARD &
AMENDMENTS**

Award will be posted on **5/20/2020**. The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: <http://D/www.procurement.sc.gov>

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By signing, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days after the Opening Date. (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

NAME OF OFFEROR

(full legal name of business submitting the offer)

Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. 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.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)

DATE SIGNED

TITLE

(business title of person signing above)

STATE VENDOR NO.

(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)

PRINTED NAME

(printed name of person signing above)

STATE OF INCORPORATION

(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)

(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

- Sole Proprietorship
 Partnership
 Other _____
 Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)
 Corporation (tax-exempt)
 Government entity (federal, state, or local)

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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

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)

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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)**

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS - AMENDMENT (JUN 2017)

The solicitation is amended as provided herein. Information or changes resulting from questions will be shown in a question-and-answer format. All questions received have been reprinted below. The “state’s response” should be read without reference to the questions. The questions are included solely to provide a cross-reference to the potential offeror that submitted the question. Questions do not form a part of the contract; the “state’s response” does. Any restatement of part or all of an existing provision of the solicitation in an answer does not modify the original provision except as follows: underlined text is added to the original provision. Stricken text is deleted. [02-2A097-1]

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM VENDOR A:

QUESTION #1: Can you kindly clarify the PREFERENCE section for me. ***** *****
*****, *** is located in Augusta, GA (Richmond County) and is only a few minutes from Aiken across the river and state line. The Company is registered in South Carolina as a foreign LLC and is authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina. I fully understand that ***** ***** *****
*****, *** cannot claim an in-state PREFERENCE as described within the RFP; however, please clarify whether or not we are authorized to submit a proposal for USC-IFB-3628-CJ since we do not have a physical location within the State of South Carolina.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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). [02-2B113A-1]

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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)).

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ANSWER: While I understand that your company is registered in South Carolina as a foreign LLC and is authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina and it does not have a physical location within the State of South Carolina, that does not preclude your company from submitting a bid in response to the solicitation for consideration. Responding to the solicitation with a bid for consideration does not require a vendor to meet the qualifications necessary to claim the Resident Contractor Preference in its bid. However, because your company does not maintain an office in the State of South Carolina, it is precluded from claiming the Resident Contractor Preference in its bid as it doesn't meet the qualifications necessary to claim the Resident Contractor Preference in the bid it submits for consideration.

QUESTION #2: What is the annual tonnage for garbage collected from USC-Aiken's facilities?

ANSWER: This information is not reported to USC Aiken by the current contractor.

QUESTION #3: What is the annual tonnage of recyclables collected from USC-Aiken's facilities?

ANSWER: 1,153 cubic yards of corrugated cardboard and 395 cubic yards of co-mingled recyclables.

QUESTION #4: Please provide a copy of the current rates for collection service and the name of the current provider.

ANSWER: The current provider is Waste Management of Augusta-Aiken. The current rate for collection and disposal services of refuse is \$25,188.00 per year. Click on the hypertext link below to access the Statement of Award for the current contract.

<http://purchasing.sc.edu/solicitations/intent2803.pdf>

QUESTION #5: Please provide the disposal and processing location for which the garbage and the recycling materials are currently being delivered.

ANSWER: The cardboard is sold to Sonoco and the recyclables are taken to North Augusta recycling center.

QUESTION #6: Are the Comingles Material Containers for Plastic and can as well as the Comingled Fiber Containers provided by USC-Aiken or by the Contractor?

ANSWER: There are separate containers for comingles recyclables and cardboard. All containers are provided by the contractor.

QUESTION #7: Was it the intent to collect Mixed Paper with the rigid materials (plastics, aluminum and steel/bimetal cans) or with the corrugated cardboard? Currently, the bid is written that the mixed paper is to be collected with the rigid materials.

ANSWER: Corrugated cardboard is collected separately from the comingled. Comingled includes mixed paper. Cardboard container only contains corrugated cardboard.

QUESTION #8: Please clarify the Term as the bid language speaks to both an initial term of 1 year with 1 year renewals as well as a five year cumulative timeframe with a start date of 7-1-2020 and an end date of 6-30-2025.

ANSWER: This contract has a maximum 5 year contract term with an initial term of 1 year that is renewable by the University each year after the initial contract term ends for a period of 1 year until a maximum 5 year contract term has ended. The start date of 7-1-2020 and end date of 6-30-2025 in the solicitation are estimated start and end dates for the term of the contract awarded from Solicitation # USC-IFB-3628-CJ as we don't know for sure if the solicitation and award processes for the procurement of contract will be completed in time to start the contract term on 7/1/20. However, regardless of when the contract awarded from Solicitation No. USC-IFB-3628-CJ starts, the initial term of the contract will be one year from the start date of the contract and there will be four optional renewals of 1 year each after the initial contract term ends for a maximum contract term of 5 years.