



**U N I V E R S I T Y O F
SOUTH CAROLINA**

ADDENDUM NO. 1

TO: ALL VENDORS

**FROM: Mary Sims
Purchasing Manager**

**SUBJECT: Request for Proposal #USC-RFP-1591-MS
Provide Federal Government Consulting Services**

**OPENING DATE: OPENING DATE/TIME REMAINS THE SAME
November 30, 2009 at 2:30 PM (ET)**

DATE: November 11, 2009

This Addendum No. 1 modifies the Request for Proposal only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

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

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Date

- A. Opening date and time remains the same: November 30, 2009 at 2:30 PM (ET)
- B. The following is to address questions received from vendors:

VENDOR #1

- 1. What is the internal process for determining the Universities priorities?
Answer: The University seeks input from faculty leading toward decisions made by the executive leadership.

- 2. Is the vendor allowed to participate or provide counsel to the University's leadership during those discussions with the academic departments?
Answer: Yes.

- 3. What is the timeline for the University's decision on priorities; have specific projects for the Appropriations process already been identified by the University for the FY11 Congressional cycle?
Answer: This activity is in process.

- 4. The RFP lists research/Federal funding priorities of: biomedical sciences, life and health sciences, physical sciences and engineering (p. 11).
 - 4a. How do these areas relate to the Centers of Economic Excellence/Endowed Chairs (CoEE)? (Nonocenter, Cardiovascular Health, etc.)
Answer: The priorities for federal funding and CoEE funding are complementary.

 - 4b. Would the contract include cooperation with Clemson and the Medical University of South Carolina in terms of winning Federal funding for research in the CoEE network?
Answer: Yes, when appropriately considered and conflict avoided.

- 5. What is the weighting given for credit to SC companies?
Answer: In accordance with the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code, Section 11-35-1524 (E)(5), preferences do not apply to a procurement conducted pursuant to Section 11-35-1530 - Request for Proposal.

- 6. Which USC office/individuals will be responsible for managing the contract relationship with the consulting firm?
Answer: Vice President for Research and Graduate Education in consultation with VP for Finance and Planning, Provost, and President

- 7. In order to prepare a timeline for this contract with benchmarks, please provide USC important calendar events for USC management and the Board meetings with dates of key meetings which would include agenda items pertaining to the contract, e.g. what are the dates of USC Board meetings in 2010, 2011, etc?

Answer: We will work with the winner bidder to set a schedule of important dates.

8. Are the priority areas of Innovista also a priority for Federal funding? The areas of Innovista strength listed on the website are: Nanotechnology, Future Fuels, Health Sciences; Environmental Sciences; and Technology and Software.

8a. How do these areas relate to the Federal funding priorities listed in the RFP?

Answer: The priorities for Innovista and federal funding are complementary.

9. How is the new management of Innovista structured and who is responsible for oversight of the consultant winning this contract as it pertains to Innovista?

Answer: This is in process. For complementary science, oversight is provided by the VP for Research and Graduate Education. For complementary facilities infrastructure, the oversight is provided by the VP for Finance and Planning and the Provost as leaders of the Capital Planning Committee.

10. Does the RFP include support for building international cooperation for Innovista, including recruiting non-US firms and institutions as residents and partners?

Answer: No.

11. To what extent would the contract include representation of USC at the State level?

Answer: None.

12. What is the role of South Carolina Research Authority (SCRA) in the implementation of this contract?

Answer: USC enjoys a collaborative relationship with SCRA.

VENDOR #2

1. The Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide Consulting Services involving Federal Government Activities is unclear to us in regards to what type of Engineering / Consulting services you are requesting. Please advise if we qualify to submit for this RFP prime or do we need to submit under an Architect.

Answer: We are not soliciting engineering or engineering related consulting services except where those service interface with a federally-funded project.