



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

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SOLICITATION

TO: ALL VENDORS

FROM: Charles Johnson, Procurement Manager

SUBJECT: SUBJECT: SOLICITATION NUMBER: USC-RFP-1988-CJ
PACIFIC BIOSCIENCES SMRT SEQUENCING SUPPORT

DATE: June 15, 2011

This Amendment **No.1** modifies the Request for Proposals 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

Name of Offeror

Date

SECTION I . SCOPE OF WORK OF THE SOLICITATION HAS BEEN REVISED AND NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

I. Scope Of Solicitation

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

It is the intent of the University of South Carolina to solicit proposals from qualified sources of supply to perform services for Pacific Biosciences genomic sequencing analysis and support and Roche Life Sciences 454 genomic sequencing analysis and support at the University of South Carolina Columbia campus using the University's Pacific Biosciences SMRT sequencer and Roche 454 equipment in accordance with all the requirements stated herein.

MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD — ESTIMATED (January 2006): **From 8/1/2011 to 7/31/2016.** 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".

THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WAS RECEIVED FROM A VENDOR:

QUESTION: I have downloaded and read the USC-RFP-1988-CJ and I have one question. It is stated in section III SCOPE OF WORK / SPECIFICATIONS, paragraph B. CONTRACTURAL RESPONSIBILITIES, paragraph two, "Contractor should have at least three years of experience in high-throughput sequencing". My technician and I began our work in "high-throughput sequencing" October 1st, 2008. By the time of awarding this contract, we will have 2 years and 9 months experience in "high-throughput sequencing" which I will state in our response to USC-RFP-1988-CJ. I realize the word "should" is used and not "must" so I am assuming we would not be considered ineligible to for that reason alone. Do you think I am safe in assuming that even though we are just under three years in experience, we would not be considered ineligible to for that reason alone?

ANSWER: "Contractor should have at least three years of experience in high-throughput sequencing." is a preferred, non-mandatory requirement. Preferred, non-mandatory requirements include the words "should, may, could, would". Offerors will be evaluated on the experience they have in high-throughput sequencing compared to the preference of three years of experience in high-throughput sequencing stated in the solicitation.