



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-2111-CJ  
**CONSTRUCTION AUDIT SERVICES**

DATE: January 13, 2012

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

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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.

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Authorized Signature

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Name of Offeror

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Date

## **THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WAS RECEIVED FROM VENDOR A:**

**QUESTION #1:** A review of the above referenced RFP indicates there are under-defined tasks that make any maximum price (the \$25,000) proposal difficult, if not arbitrary. For example, allowing time for undefined quarterly status meetings and reports for up to 5 years will cause the proposer to severely limit the scope of services in the audit and training phases of the engagement. The requirement for participation in contractor negotiations is also uncontrollable by the offerors and thus reserving a specific budget would necessarily limit or prohibit the service and fee provisions for the initial high value services.

Is it therefore possible to exclude certain service or scope items from the \$25,000 proposal limitation? Most specifically, should the third bullet of item #1 and all of item #2 be excluded from the limit? Or, in the alternative, would you provide an arbitrary reserve amount for all proposers to use in pricing these services to allow better uniformity and comparability of the various proposals? This would allow an enhanced scope of services for those items that are controllable by the proposer and a better value proposition for the USC.

Finally, are travel expenses included in the \$25,000 proposal limitation?

**ANSWER: No, it is not possible to exclude certain service or scope items from the \$25,000.00 proposal limit. We would like to reiterate what was stated in the RFP and that is the University expects the successful consultant to the solicitation will partner with the University of South Carolina Internal Audit Department to perform the construction audit activity. Further, we believe a significant portion of the assurance work, including contract negotiations and dispute resolution matters, will be performed by University personnel. Yes - travel expenses are included in the \$25,000.00 proposal limitation.**