



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SOLICITATION

TO: ALL VENDORS

FROM: Charles Johnson, Procurement Manager

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION NUMBER: USC-RFP-2709-CJ

DESCRIPTION: Provide Cable Programming Services for The University of South Carolina

DATE: December 15, 2014

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This Amendment **No.2** modifies the Requests for Proposals only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

### Vendor Questions & Answers

**THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JANUARY 12, 2015 AT 3:00 PM.**

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BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT **NO. 2** 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 QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM VENDOR A:**

**QUESTION #1:** Of the 3425 active units within residence halls, please provide the number of living units by front door count (regardless of the number of beds or drops behind that front door). For the purpose of this question, a LIVING UNIT will be defined as a single residential unit designed to house anywhere from 1 to 6 students and the following are all examples of one (1) living unit with one (1) exterior individual unit front door:

- An apartment with four bedrooms and one common area, all with coax connections, would be considered one (1) living unit with one (1) exterior front door.
- A residence hall room with (2) beds, each with a coax connection, would be considered one (1) living unit with one (1) exterior front door.
- A residence hall suite comprised of four (4) bedrooms with a shared lounge and bathroom would be considered one (1) living unit with one (1) exterior front door.

**ANSWER:** All 3,425 units, by definition, are (1) Living Unit with (1) exterior front door.

**QUESTION #2:** Are the 751 units within the University's sporting venues being serviced from the same head-end as the residence hall units are serviced by. If not, please provide detail as to how those units are being serviced.

**ANSWER:** The sports venues are serviced by the same head-end as the residence halls, however they are separated by channel combiners.

**QUESTION #3:** How long has Campus Televideo been providing service to the University?

**ANSWER:** Since August of 2005.

**QUESTION #4:** Does the University own all the head-end equipment (i.e. receivers, QAM modulators, combiners, racks, etc.) that is providing the current lineup? If so, will the successful vendor be able to use it to provide service?

**ANSWER:** The University owns all head-end equipment which will be used to process and deliver the contractor-provided programming.

**QUESTION #5:** Are all the channels that are currently being provided clear QAM HD? If not, please identify any SD channels and also identify any of the SD channels that are being broadcast in analog as opposed to SD QAM.

**ANSWER: Currently, all programming is being delivered as analog channels with the exception of ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, SEC Network, FS1, FS2, CBS SN, and NBC SN, which are HD-QAM. Our preference to have all channels HD-QAM.**

**QUESTION #6:** Does the University own the equipment that provides the current Channel Guide? How is the current channel guide being broadcast (i.e. HD QAM, SD QAM or analog)?

**ANSWER: The current Channel Guide is provided via a Campus Televideo provided computer and is currently delivered on the cable system as an analog channel. However, we would prefer HD-QAM.**

**QUESTION #7:** Is all the local broadcast channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) being received via off air antennas or satellite? How are they being broadcast on the cable system (i.e. HD QAM, SD QAM or analog)?

**ANSWER: All local broadcast channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) are received via off-air antennas and are delivered on the cable system as HD-QAM channels.**

**QUESTION #8:** In addition to the original, how many copies of the separately sealed cost proposal is required to be submitted?

**ANSWER: In addition to the original, five copies (each labeled 'COPY') of the separately sealed cost proposal are required to be submitted.**

**QUESTION #9:** Are price increases allowed during the 3 year initial term? If so, how are the increases calculated (i.e. actual cost, CPI, not to exceed, etc.)?

**ANSWER: With proper justification (i.e. Price or Cost data) accompanying contractor's requests for contract price increases, the University will consider contractor's requests for price increases during the initial contract term.**

## **THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM VENDOR B:**

**QUESTION #1:** Can you articulate and explain for us how the University's internal EAS system is currently configured and utilized? Please share with us verbally or by a drawing any equipment that is utilized to deliver your internal EAS services to the campus.

**ANSWER: The University's EAS system consists of Trilithic's EASyPLUS Encoder/Decoder, EASyCAP Integrated Server and Messenger II character generators for our analog channels. The EASyPLUS Encoder/Decoder has two radios monitoring FM and NOAA frequencies. The EASyCAP server monitors ATOM feeds from the NWS as well as a RAVE feed for USC's Emergency Notification System.**

**QUESTION #2:** Given the holidays that are fast approaching, we would like to ask if the University would consider an extension of the RFP response deadline to accommodate the holidays and related vacation calendars.

**ANSWER: Due to the holidays, we are willing to move the response deadline from January 5, 2015 at 3:00 PM to January 12, 2015 at 3:00 PM.**