



University of South Carolina

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Request for Quotation

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THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

Quotation must be received No Later Than:	Send quotation to above address Attention of:	Quotation Number:	Date
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Print company name and address:

Please quote your lowest delivered price of the items(s) listed below. The Purchasing Department reserves the right to reject any or all quotes and to waive any or all technicalities.

1. If an item cannot be furnished, indicate by **NO QUOTE**.
2. All quotes must be signed by the vendor's representative and terms noted, failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification of the quote.
3. **FAXED QUOTES ACCEPTABLE.** FAX # (803) 777-2032

Federal I.D. or Social Security No. _____ SC Minority Certification Number (If Applicable) _____

Submitted By (Print Name) _____ Signature _____ Telephone _____

Item No.	Quantity and Unit	Description of Commodity or Services	Unit Price	Total Price

GENERAL CONDITIONS

DEFAULT: In case or default by the Contractor, the University of South Carolina reserves the right to purchase any or all items in default in the open market, charging the Contractor with any additional costs. The defaulting Contractor shall not be considered a responsible bidder until the assessed charge has been satisfied.

All amendments to and interpretation of this RFQ shall be in writing. The procurement officer shall not be legally bound by any amendment or interpretation that is not in writing.

SC/US PREFERENCE: In order to receive the South Carolina/United States made, manufactured or grown end-product preference, you must check the appropriate space (s) provided on the face of the quotation form. This preference does not apply to services.

Any contract entered into by the University of South Carolina or its agencies resulting from this quotation shall be subject to cancellation at the end of any fiscal or appropriated year unless otherwise provided by law.

Payment will be made in accordance with Section 11-35-45 of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code and Disbursement Regulations. Delay in receiving invoices, as well as errors and omissions on the invoices, will be considered just cause for withholding payment without losing discount privileges. The University reserves the right to withhold payment or make such deductions as may be necessary to protect the University from loss or damage because of defective work, claims, damages or to pay for repair of correction of materials furnished hereunder.

Quoted prices must remain firm for a period of thirty days beyond the Request for Quotation deadline. Unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated.

The University of South Carolina shall consider payment discounts in the award of this contract when such discounts are for thirty days or more after final inspection and acceptance of contract requirements. Payment discounts for less than thirty days are encouraged but shall not be a factor in award determination. Please state your discount terms using the above referenced information as the University's position on the matter.

All materials and products offered must be guaranteed to meet and comply with the requirements all the specifications, terms and conditions indicated or referred to.

The award will be made in accordance with Section 11-35-1520 of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code.

The University reserves the right to reject any and all quotations and to cancel the solicitation; waive any and all technicalities; the University reserves the right to reject any quotation in which the delivery time indicated to be of substantial length to cause disruption and/or delay in operation for which the item(s) is/are intended; ambiguous quotations which are uncertain as to terms, delivery, quantity or compliance with specifications may be rejected.

The successful contractor assumes sole responsibility and shall hold harmless the University of South Carolina, its directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, actions or liabilities of any nature which may be asserted against them by third parties in connection with the performance of the successful bidder, its directors, officers, employees and agents under this agreement. The University of South Carolina agrees to accept responsibility for claims, actions or liabilities resulting from negligent acts of its employees occurring within the scope of their employment which may be asserted against them by third parties in connection with the performance of the University of South Carolina, its members, directors, officers, employees and agents under this agreement.

Contractor agrees not to refer to award of this contract in commercial advertising in such a manner to state or imply that the products or service provided are endorsed or preferred by the user.

Upon award of a contract under this quotation, the person, partnership, association or corporation to whom the award is made must comply with the laws of South Carolina that require such person or entity to be authorized and/or licensed to do business in this State. Notwithstanding the fact that applicable statutes may be exempt or exclude the successful quoter from requirements that it be authorized and/or licensed to do business in this State, by submission of this signed quote, the quoter agrees to subject itself to the jurisdiction and process of the courts of the State of South Carolina as to all matters and disputes arising or to arise under the contract and the performance thereof, including any questions as to the liability for taxes, licenses or fees levied by the State.

Termination: Subject to the provisions below, the contractor may be terminated for any reason by the University providing a thirty-day advance notice in writing is given to the contractor.

Termination for Convenience: In the event that this contract is terminated or cancelled upon request and for the convenience of the University may negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.

Termination for Cause: Termination by the University for cause, default, or negligence on the part of the Contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provisions; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The thirty day advance notice requirement is waived and the default provision in this bid shall apply.

HIPAA Law: The Contractor agrees that to the extent that some or all of the activities within the scope of this Contract are subject to the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-91, as amended (“HIPAA”), or its implementing regulations, it will comply with the HIPAA requirements and will execute such agreements and practices as the University of South Carolina may require to ensure compliance. Additional information may be viewed at: <http://www.sc.edu/hipaa/>

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

LICENSES, PERMITS, INSURANCE: All costs for required licenses, permits and insurance shall be borne by the Bidder.

The University of South Carolina requires all contractual activities to be performed in a manner that is consistent with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, rules, rulings and ordinances. These include, but are not limited to: the Occupational safety and Health Act, The Environmental Protection Act, The South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Act.

IMPORTANT – Please Note

Vendors, we **MUST** have your Federal ID # (company) or Social Security # (individual) before processing any invoices for payment. Failure to provide this information will result in delay of payments until this information is received. Please include this information with your quote.

**INTERNATIONAL MBA PROGRAM GLOBAL TRACK IMMERSION CLASS IN
CHINA, MARCH 2010 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

SPONSOR: University of South Carolina, Moore School of Business
GROUP: Graduate Division – IMBA Program
NUMBER: Estimated 10-12 people, including one instructor from the Moore School of Business and ten or eleven students.
PROVIDER: [company name]

DATES: Begin February 28, 2010 with hotel check-in -Beijing. End in Shanghai with farewell dinner on March 12, 2010 and hotel checkout March 13, 2010.

THEMES:

1. Government and economic development (20%).
2. Financial Markets/Manufacturing, local companies and multinationals (70%).
3. Cultural activities (10%).

MEALS:

1. One welcome/orientation dinner in Orientation dinner (Peking Duck) in Beijing on Monday, March 1, 2010, casual dress. The cost is included in USC expense.
2. One farewell dinner in Shanghai on Friday March 12, 2010, dress to be determined. The cost is included in USC expense.
3. There will be one or two additional group dinners with invited guests mid-week in both Beijing and Shanghai for an estimated group of approximately 10-15 people, to be determined. [company name] will make reservations for Moore's behalf, and USC will pay the expense separately.
4. Students will pay on their own for all other meals.

TRANSPORTATION:

1. Local transportation to all group activities in Beijing and Shanghai. Students will pay on their own transportation for their free time activities. All group transportation expense is covered by USC.
2. Transportation on overnight train from Beijing to Shanghai soft sleeper compartments for 10-12 persons on Saturday, March 6, 2010. Train tickets are covered by USC.

OTHER:

1. Visit to the Great Wall on Monday, March 1, 2010 and optional Bund cruise as the group meal in Shanghai mid-week of the following week.
2. Bilingual host in each city for all events to manage logistics of group activities.
3. Itinerary includes suggested location and cost for Tuesday morning lecture in Beijing. (Please see ITINERARY section at the end of this document)

4. Itinerary includes information of companies in different service and industry categories. (Please see ITINERARY section at the end of this document)
5. Itinerary includes optional cultural events in Beijing and Shanghai according to “free time” designated in weekly schedules. (Please see ITINERARY section at the end of this document)

=====HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS=====

HOTEL TYPE AND LOCATION:

Beijing – Prime Hotel (<http://www.primehotel.com>). It a 4.5 star hotel next to Wangfujing Pedestrian Street in City center. It is within working distance to the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.

Shanghai – Salvo Hotel (<http://www.salvohotel.com>). It is a 4 star hotel at the city center, only two blocks south of the famous Nanjing Shopping Street and the Bund.

ROOMS

1 single rooms for one occupant each (instructors) 5 or 6 twin-bedded rooms for two occupants each RATES

Beijing Prime Hotel \$ _____ per room per night

Shanghai Salvo Hotel \$ _____per room per night

The above quoted rates are group rates (5 rooms or more) and are valid till January30, 2010. The rates include daily breakfast at hotel, service fees and taxes. Both hotels offer free Internet access.

Some participants may wish to make arrangements to arrive a few days earlier than February 28 in Beijing or stay later than March 13 in Shanghai, please contact [company name] to make reservations at the same group rates.

PAYMENT

Participants will remit payment to [company name] by check, cash, wire transfer or credit card. Initial Deposit limited to one night room charge – payable by January 30, 2010.

To enjoy group rate, students need to make payment in full to [company name] 2 weeks before check in date. If Remaining Hotel Payment to be paid by participants at hotel check-out, or check-in.

Hotel room cost of one Moore School faculty (or of your representative) is not included in the cost of student hotel rooms.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If written cancellation notice is provided at least 45 days in advance of check-in date, there will be NO CHARGE by hotel or [company name], and there should be a full deposit refund.

If written cancellation notice is provided less than 1 month in advance of check-in date, the penalty is one hotel night charge with no additional charge.

All FEES AND COST

I. USC Costs

1) Hotel and ground transportation prices are valid till January 30, 2010. It will be subjected to change due to US dollar and Chinese Yuan exchange rate fluctuation and price inflation in China.

2) Hotel prices are quoted as group rate of 6 rooms with advanced payment. Individual reservation will be priced differently, which will likely be more expensive. The listed prices are valid till January 30, 2010.

Cancellation policy: II. Students Costs

- 1) Hotel prices are quoted as group rate of 5- 7 rooms with advanced payment. Individual reservation will be priced differently, which will likely be more expensive. We suggest [company name] makes group reservation for all students and collect full payment 2 weeks before trip dates. Should a student wish to cancel prior to trip date, she will receive full refund minus one night hotel room charge.
- 2) Hotel prices are only valid till January 30, 2010. It will be subjected to change due to US dollar and Chinese Yuan exchange rate fluctuation and price inflation in China.
- 3) Please also note we have female students and male students. If each student elects to take double occupancy, we will have an odd female student in one room and an odd male student in one room as well. Such arrangement will incur additional two single supplement costs.

Cancellation policy:

III – Sponsored Event Wednesday, March 5, 2010 Alumni Dinner in Beijing

ITINENRARY

Beijing

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Students arrive to **Beijing** in AM/PM

Check in hotel on your own – 4 star hotel – Prime Hotel -in city center Suggestion – Dinner on your own

Need to have a short meeting at 5pm with students, instructor and the local host. Optional group dinner to follow.

Monday, March 1,2010

Morning – Visit Juyong Pass – The Great Wall

Afternoon – Forbidden City, ticket price \$6 per person, cab fare \$15.

Evening: small group/class only – Peking Duck dinner

Tuesday, March 2,2010

Morning format at a hotel conference room – lecture arranged with Chinese university faculty on China business environment (subject/discipline can vary

Afternoon visit – Returned Chinese as a new force to propel economic growth with presentation by senior public/government officials

Evening: Dinner on your own

Wednesday, March 3,2010

Morning visit – Chinese company visit focusing on specific sector such as IT or investment firm—suggested larger company (e.g., Apple Computers) possibly via alumni connection

Afternoon visit – a fast growing technology company in the Internet space

Evening – reception and dinner with alumni, Moore exchange students, and friends (including select Tsinghua University MBA guests)

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Morning visit – Activity related to Beijing Olympics with marketing and promotional emphasis (use the conference room of a national level software park)

Afternoon visit – Chinese company with a focus on a fast growing start-up with emphasis on business development (and IT outsourcing)

Evening – on your own

Friday, March 5, 2010

Morning visit – Visit Chinese law firm to discuss legal infrastructure

Afternoon visit – CSR—Corporate Social Responsibility—visit an NGO

Evening – dinner on your own

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Free time – people will appreciate some free time to tour the city on their own or shopping

Suggestions:

Activities	Description	Price	Cab Fare (Round Trip) Est.
Silk Market	Discounted apparel, jewelry, and briefcases	n/a	
Hongqiao Pearl Market	Discounted jewelry and briefcases	n/a	
Yaqiu Market	Discounted apparel, jewelry, and briefcases	n/a	
Temple of Heaven Park	A gorgeous royal Park/temple from ancient China		
Lama Temple	A famous Buddhist temple		
Summer Palace	A beautiful palace of Empress Dowager of Qing Dynasty		

Overnight train to Shanghai

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Arrive Shanghai

Cultural activities on your own

Monday, March 8, 2010

Morning visit – Company in manufacturing industry

Afternoon visit – Company in beverage industry

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Morning – speaker in hotel conference room

Afternoon visit – IT Manufacturing (e.g., Dell) possibly via alumni connection or Lenovo

Evening – Dinner on your own

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Morning visit – Visit a foreign bank in China

Afternoon visit – A high growth company in a traditional sector

Evening – Optional Bund River Cruise

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Morning – Branding and Communication/Advertising in China

Afternoon – Food and Beverages/visit a consumer food or beverage company/brewery

Evening – Dinner on your own

Friday, March 12, 2010

Daytime – free time

Dinner Event – small group roundtable farewell dinner, debrief session, dinner speech, etc.

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Check out of Hotel Depart for US or other destination.

SUBMISSION:

Additional Special Conditions

A. Insurance Requirement: The successful vendor must provide a copy of his liability certificate prior to start any work on this project.

B. The University of South Carolina reserves the right to reject any and all bids when such rejection is in the best interest of the owner

PREFERENCES

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 - 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).

PREFERENCES - RESIDENT SUBCONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): To qualify for this preference, You must meet the following requirements. (1) You must -- at the time you submit your bid -- have a documented commitment from a single proposed first tier subcontractor to perform some portion of the services expressly required by the solicitation. (2) The subcontractor -- at the time you submit your bid -- must directly employ, or have a documented commitment with, individuals domiciled in South Carolina that will perform services expressly required by the solicitation and the total direct labor cost to the subcontractor for those individuals to provide those services exceeds, as applicable, either twenty percent for a 2% preference or forty percent of bidder's total bid price for a 4% preference. (3) You must identify the subcontractor that will perform the work, the work the subcontractor is to perform, and your factual basis for concluding that the subcontractor's work constitutes the required percentage of the work to be performed in the procurement. [11-35-1524(D)] You can stack this preference, i.e., earn another 2% or 4% preference for each additional qualifying subcontractor, but the preference is capped. [11-35-1524(D)(4), (E)(7)] Upon request by the procurement officer, you must identify the persons domiciled in South Carolina that are to perform the services involved in the procurement upon which you rely in qualifying for the preference, the services those individuals are to perform, the employer of those persons, your relationship with the employer, and documentation of the subcontractor's 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). **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE PREFERENCE UNLESS YOU SPECIFY WHETHER YOU ARE CLAIMING THE 2% OR 4% PREFERENCE AND YOU PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ITEM (3) ABOVE.**

SUBCONTRACTOR SUBSTITUTION PROHIBITED - RESIDENT SUBCONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): If you receive an award as a result of the subcontractor preference, you may not substitute any business for the subcontractor upon which you relied to qualify for the preference, unless first approved in writing by the procurement officer. If you violate this provision, the State may terminate your contract for cause and you may be debarred. In addition, the procurement officer may require you to pay the State an amount equal to twice the difference between the price paid by the State and the price offered by the next lowest bidder, unless the substituted subcontractor qualifies for the preference. [11-35-1524(D)(5)(c)]

Item	Unit of Measure	QTY	Description			Extended Price
1	Lot	1	Provide China Business Study Trip For Global Track Students			\$_____
Resident Contractor Preference			Resident Sub-Contractor Preference - 2%	Number of Sub-Contractors	Resident Sub-Contractor Preference - 4%	Number of Sub-Contractors

Grand Total \$_____

After contract award the University of South Carolina reserves the right to add/delete the estimated square footage at any time during the performance period

Note: The service preferences do not apply to a bid for an item of work by the bidder if the annual price of the bidder’s work exceeds \$50,000 or the total potential price of the bidder’s work exceeds \$500,000. [11-35-1524(E)(3)]

Please refer to the preference clauses listed in the terms and conditions of this solicitation to ensure that you qualify to select the above preferences.

Bidder is to submit the following for preferences requested above:

- 1) Identify the subcontractor to perform the work:**
- 2) Identify the work the subcontractor is to perform:**
- 3) Bidder’s factual basis for concluding that the subcontractor’s work constitutes the required percentage of the work to be performed in the procurement.**