

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO SOLICITATION		
TO:	ALL VENDORS	
FROM:	Michelle Robinson, CPPB, Procurement Manager	
SUBJECT:	SOLICITATION NUMBER: USC-RFP-2945-MR Provide Exclusive Management and Operation of the University's Bookstore for USC Aiken Campus	
DATE: May 4, 2016		
This Amendment No.1 modifies the Request for Proposal only in the manner and to the extent as state		
herein.	VENDOR QUESTIONS/ANSWERS	
	OPENING DATE CHANGED FROM MAY 12, 2016 TO MAY 19, 2016; TIME REMAINS THE SAME	
	CORRECTION OF E-MAIL ADDRESS: Should be marobins@mailbox.sc.edu	
	CORRECTION OF NET SALES ON PAGE 14 – SHOULD READ: \$1,309,457.00	
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 Sig	gnature Name of Offeror	
Date		

## QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM VENDOR A

**QUESTION 1:** Section 3.4.1.4 Convenience – Please provide any product restrictions.

**ANSWER:** The stated page and section does not reference anything about convenience or product restrictions. 3.4.1.4 states: "Food and snack items and other items currently sold in the University Bookstore and normally sold in other bookstores."

**QUESTION 2:** Section 3.4.4 Carolina Card – Please provide the program used by the Carolina Card.

**ANSWER:** The Carolina Card (aka Carolina Cash) is a university system wide program that allows students, faculty and staff to load money onto their ID (similar to a debit card or reloadable gift card) and enables patrons to use these funds at various on and off campus locations.

**QUESTION 3:** Section 3.4.14 Course Pack Pricing – Please confirm the current margin used for pricing course packs.

**ANSWER: 25%** 

**ANSWER:** See attached file and diagram

**QUESTION 5:** Section 3.5.14 Utilities – Please provide the actual utility usage by the bookstore.

**ANSWER**: It is difficult to identify an exact utility usage solely for this area as the entire building is metered together. That said, the Student Activities Center (SAC), where the Bookstore is located, utility usage (electric only) for the whole building amounted to \$170,465 for a 12 month period.

- Please provide payroll cost including benefits for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

**ANSWER:** See attached organizational chart; -2013-14 - \$187,085; 2014-15 - \$191,476

**QUESTION 7:** Attachment 1 Sales – Please provide what products make up the Miscellaneous category.

**ANSWER:** Miscellaneous items consist of; Graduation Merchandise, Health & Beauty items, General Merchandise, Stamp sales, Faculty Writings, Book Sales from Visiting Author Readings and Academy of Life Long Learning sales.

**QUESTION 8:** Please provide sales year to date for 2015-2016 by product category.

ANSWER: New Textbooks	768,334.85
Used Textbooks	121,838.16
Ebooks	3,201.18
Supplies	77,371.41
Clothing	56,223.87
Gifts	20,811.64
Drinks/Snacks	18,356.13
Misc	44,175.39

Total Sales through 5/3/16 \$1,110,312.63

**QUESTION 9: - Contracts / Agreements** – Are there currently any exclusive contract rights to a vendor for online courses/content? (Pearson, McGraw Hill, etc) E-Book requisitions? If yes, please provide details.

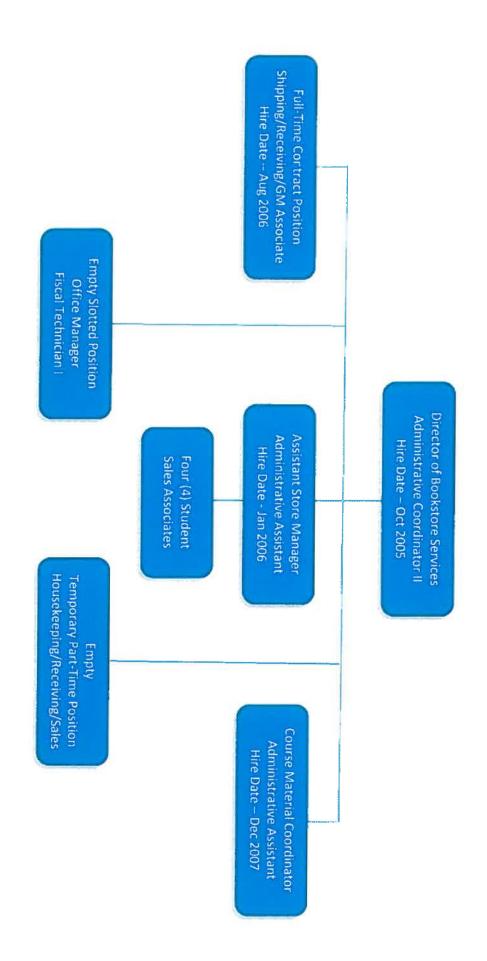
**ANSWER:** There are no current contracts in place for any particular vendor. However, the university engages in a non-binding agreement with RedShelf for EBooks.

**QUESTION 10: -** Technology – What Learning Management System does the University use?

ANSWER: Blackboard

ATTACHMENTS
Organizational Chart
Floor Plans

## USC Aiken Pacer Shoppe Organizational Chart



Office Manager is a benefited position and was not approved to be filled after the retirement of employee. The duties of this position were reallocated to the Director and Assistant Store Manager.

