



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

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO SOLICITATION

TO: ALL VENDORS

FROM: Kevin Sanders, Procurement Manager

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION NUMBER: USC-IFB-3028-KS
Travel to Ireland

DATE: September 21, 2016

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

Vendor questions and USC answers

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

Question # 1

I need clarification on the number of dinners to be included on the tour. The wording at the top of page 12 leads me to think that our bid should include dinners only on the arrival night in Ireland, the final night in Ireland, and on each day the choir has a concert performance.

Is this correct?

Answer #1

Dinners first and last night are required. Dinners before concerts are only necessary for night concerts where the choir needs to arrive at the concert venue together. i.e. say it an 8 p.m. concert with a 6:00 sound check in the hall. Choir should be fed before that in an efficient manner. A 3 p.m. concert on a Sunday afternoon does not need a dinner before or after.

Question # 2

... based on the list of suggested sites on page 11 (namely Giant's Causeway and Londonderry), if the Choir expects to visit Northern Ireland in addition to the Republic of Ireland?

Answer #2

Travel to and from both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland is acceptable. Any and all requirements for travel between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland must be included in the costs per traveler (All Inclusive travel documents to include entry and exit fees, documentation, visas, etc...)

Question #3

May we submit the bid to you by email, or does it have to be mailed to the address provided in a sealed envelope?

Answer #3

Response to this solicitation must be in hard copy format and submitted in a sealed envelope.

Question #4

If the flight leaves out of CLT, it is our understanding that the tour cost does not need to include the transfer from Columbia to Charlotte and back to Columbia on the last day as the tour participants will make their own arrangements for this. Is this correct?

Answer #4

That is correct.

Question #5

We do not subcontract any portion of the tour arrangement. However, we contract bus companies, tour managers, tour guides, etc. in Ireland to provide services. These are suppliers / providers of services. As we understand it, this would mean that 0% is subcontracted. Correct?

Answer #5

This is correct