



Request for Quotation
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Quotation must be received no later than: 10:00 AM	Send Quotation to above address at Attention of:	Solicitation Number:	Posting Date:
01 18 2017	Tracy Fountain	USC-RFQ-3067-TF	01 06 2017

Questions regarding this solicitation must be received no later than **01-13-2017 10:00 A.M.** Answers to vendor questions will be posted to the Purchasing Department’s website in an amendment to the solicitation: purchasing.sc.edu/sa.php

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

1. All Quotes must be signed by the vendor’s representative per the terms noted. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in disqualification of the quote.
2. Faxed (803) 777-2032 or E-mailed (fountai3@mailbox.sc.edu) Quotes are acceptable and preferred.
3. This solicitation conforms to the provisions of Procurement Code Section 11-35-1550.

Vendor Name			
Vendor Address			
Phone Number		E-mail	
FEIN/SSN		SC Minority Cert No.	
Print Name		Signature	

Item	Unit	Description of Supplies	Total Price
1	Lot	Furnish, deliver and install Liebert 80 KVA UPS Battery Replacement as specified in bid schedule	\$
		Award to be made to one vendor. Quote only as specified. Do not include sales tax.	
		Deliveries shall be FOB Destination. A faxed or e-mailed quote is acceptable.	
		Buyer: Tracy Fountain Phone: (803) 777-4115 E-mail: fountai3@mailbox.sc.edu	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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.

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.

All materials and products offered must be guaranteed to meet and comply with the requirements of all specifications, terms, and conditions indicated in this solicitation.

Award will be made in accordance with Section 11-35-1550 of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code.

The University reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all quotations and to cancel the solicitation; (2) waive any and all technicalities; (3) reject any quotation in which the delivery time indicated is of substantial length to cause disruption and/or delay in operation for which the item(s) is/are intended; (4) reject ambiguous quotations which are uncertain as to terms, delivery, quantity, or compliance with specifications.

The successful bidder 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 solicitation, 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 offeror 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.

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.

QUESTIONS FROM BIDDER

Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. Questions must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than **01-13-2017 10:00 A.M.**

Information for Submitting Questions

Buyer: Tracy Fountain

Solicitation: USC-RFQ-3067-TF

Title: UPS Battery Replacement

E-mail Address: fountai3@mailbox.sc.edu

Fax Number: (803)777-2032

DEFAULT

The state may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the contractor, or if the contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the state, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the state shall not be liable to the contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the contractor shall be liable to the state for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the state improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience. In case of 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.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE – SHORT FORM (JAN 2006)

The Procurement Officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. In such a termination, the Procurement Officer may require the contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer: (a) any completed supplies; and (b) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called “manufacturing material”) as the contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this contract. Upon such termination, the contractor shall (a) stop work to the extent specified, (b) terminate any subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work, and (c) be paid the following amounts without duplication, subject to the other terms of this contract: (i) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract, (ii) costs incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work, and (iii) any other reasonable costs that the contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the State, using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred that reasonably could have been avoided. As a condition of payment, contractor shall submit within three months of the effective date of the termination a claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination. The absence of an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not increase the obligation of the state beyond what it would have been had the subcontract contained such a clause.

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 – SC/US END PRODUCT (SEP 2009)

Section 11-35-1524(B)(4) provides a preference to vendors offering South Carolina end-products or US endproducts, if those products are made, manufactured, or grown in SC or the US, respectively. An endproduct is the tangible project identified for acquisition in this solicitation, including all component parts in final form and ready for the use intended. The terms "made," "manufactured," and "grown" are defined by Section 11-35-1524(A). By signing your offer and checking the appropriate space(s) provided and identified on the bid schedule, you certify that the end-product(s) is either made, manufactured or grown in South Carolina, or other states of the United States, as applicable. Preference will be applied as required by law. Post award substitutions are prohibited. See "Substitutions Prohibited - End Product Preferences (Sep 2009)" provision.

PREFERENCES – RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009)

To qualify for the RVP, 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 either: (1) maintain at a location in South Carolina at the time of the bid an inventory of expendable items which are representative of the general type of commodities for which the award will be made and which have a minimum total value, based on the bid price, equal to the lesser of fifty thousand dollars [\$50,000] or the annual amount of the contract; or (2) be a manufacturer headquartered and having an annual payroll of at least one million dollars in South Carolina and the end product being sold is either made or processed from raw materials into a finished end product by that manufacturer or its affiliate (as defined in Section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code).

PREFERENCES – BID SCHEDULE

All preferences must be claimed by initialing in the space provided in the bid schedule. Preferences are applied by line item whether the award is to be made by line item or lot. If you request a preference, you are certifying that your offer qualifies for the preference you have claimed. If you qualify for a preference but do not request it, you are not entitled to receive preference applications per 11-35-1524.

SUBSTITUTIONS PROHIBITED – END PRODUCT PREFERENCES (SEP 2009)

If you receive the award as a result of the South Carolina end product or United States end product preference, you may not substitute a nonqualifying end product for a qualified end product. If you violate this provision, the State may terminate your contract for cause and you may be debarred. In addition, you shall pay to the State an amount equal to twice the difference between the price paid by the State and your evaluated price for the item for which you delivered a substitute. [11-35-1524(B)(4)]

SHIPPING / RISK OF LOSS

FOB Destination. Destination is the shipping dock of the University of South Carolina's designated receiving site, or other location, as specified herein.

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT – CERTIFICATION (JAN 2015)

- (a) The Iran Divestment Act List is a list published by the Board pursuant to Section 11-57-310 that identifies persons engaged in investment activities in Iran. Currently, the list is available at the following URL: <http://procurement.sc.gov/PS/PS-iran-divestment.phtm>. Section 11-57-310 requires the government to provide a person ninety days written notice before he is included on the list. The following representation, which is required by Section 11-57-330(A), is a material inducement for the State to award a contract to you.
- (b) By signing your Offer, you certify that, as of the date you sign, you are not on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List. (c) You must notify the Procurement Officer immediately if, at any time before posting of a final statement of award, you are added to the Iran Divestment Act List.

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.sa.sc.edu/shs/hipaa/>

PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The University of South Carolina requires that all contractual activities to be in compliance with local, state and federal mandates concerning “protection of human health and the environment”. In addition, the University of South Carolina is a “Drug Free Work Place” and requires all contractors to comply with South Carolina Code of Laws Section 41-15-10 ET sequence (1976 w/amendments). Any contractor doing business with the University will be required to document compliance with these mandates and to furnish specific information requested by the University’s Department of Environmental Health and Safety when notified to do so. The Contractor understands and agrees that jobsites are open at all times work is being performed by the Contractor to authorized University employees who have been trained to identify unsafe work conditions. The Contractor will immediately correct any deficiencies noted by these inspections when requested by the University’s Department of Environmental Health and Safety to do so. In work areas where a specific hazard is posed which includes but is not limited to lead paint and asbestos abatement projects, Contractors will be required to produce Lead Compliance Plans and Asbestos Project Designs which outline their method of work prior to the start of work. Each contractor shall designate a responsible member of the Contractor’s organization to be at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. By submission of this bid, the vendor agrees to take all necessary steps to insure compliance with the requirements outlined above.

VENDOR IDENTIFICATION

The University must have your Federal ID Number (company) or Social Security Number (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.

WARRANTY – STANDARD (JAN 2006)

Contractor must provide the manufacture’s standard written warranty upon delivery of product. Contractor warrants that manufacturer will honor the standard written warranty provided.

STATE OFFICE CLOSINGS (JAN 2004)

If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal government processes so that offers cannot be received at the government office designated for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal government processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If state offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference. Useful information may be available at: <http://www.scemd.org/planandprepare/disasters/severe-winter-weather>

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)]

MINORITY PARTICIPATION (JAN 2006)

Is the bidder a South Carolina Certified Minority Business? Yes NO

Is the bidder a Minority Business certified by another governmental entity? Yes NO

If so, please list the certifying governmental entity: _____

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor?
 Yes NO

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? Yes NO

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? Yes NO

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? Yes NO

If a certified Minority Business is participating in this contract, please indicate all categories for which the Business is certified:

- Traditional minority
- Traditional minority, but female
- Women (Caucasian females)
- Hispanic minorities
- DOT referral (Traditional minority)
- DOT referral (Caucasian female)
- Temporary certification
- SBA 8 (a) certification referral
- Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)

(If more than one minority contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.)

SCOPE OF WORK / SPECIFICATIONS

DELIVERY / PERFORMANCE LOCATION – PURCHASE ORDER: After award, all deliveries shall be made and all services provided to the location specified by the University of South Carolina in its purchase order.

Furnish, Deliver and Install Liebert 80 KVA UPS Battery Replacement as specified below:

Price to include shipping.

Delivery required within 30 days ARO

**University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208**

Liebert 80 KVA UPS Battery Replacement (40 string 1 + 40 string 2 = Total Quantity 80)

Note *** Battery manufacture date must be within 30 days of each other for all 80 batteries.**

Item #	Quantity	Description
1	80	Energys DataSafe HX Series HX-330 12 V 336W/Cell Battery W/Recessed Terminal; Note ***** Battery manufacture date must be within 30 days of each other for all 80 batteries*****.
2	Lot	Include Liebert Site Requirements, Battery Removal and Disposal, and Installation Services. Installation Services must include the following 20 steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure the battery system is disconnected from UPS and battery system is safe to be worked with.2. Verify the integrity of the battery rack/cabinet.3. Remove all modules (batteries).4. Before installing new batteries measure and record all open circuit voltages for all units (batteries) to ensure they can be placed in the string(s) and online.5. Replace with new units(Batteries) in the exact same orientation as the old units.6. Replace hardware if supplied with the new batteries. If not supplied, inspect, clean and neutralize the existing cables and clean the racks/trays from any possible leaking batteries.7. Clean any corrosion from cables if re-using existing cables and clean the racks/trays from any possible leaking batteries.8. Add a thin coat of anti-corrosion inhibitor to the face of the connector and to the contact surface of the battery terminal or as directed by the battery manufacturer.9. Torque all connections to the specific “inch pound” requirement specified by the manufacturer of the battery.10. Return the battery system to normal float per the manufacturer’s guidelines.11. Measure and record the total battery float voltage.12. Measure and record charging current.13. Measure and record the overall AC ripple voltage.14. Measure and record the overall AC ripple current.15. Measure and record the ambient temperature.16. Measure and record 100% of the jar temperatures.17. Measure and record the float voltage of all jars.18. Clean the site of any foreign materials left behind.19. Remove batteries from site in preparation of recycling20. Ensure UPS system is On-Line supporting the critical load with no faults indicated.
3	Lot	Shipping

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Item	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	80	Ea.	Energysys DataSafe HX Series HX-330 12 V 336W/Cell Battery W/Recessed Terminal; (40 string 1 + 40 string 2 = Total Quantity of 80)		

Resident Vendor Preference _____

SC End Product Preference _____

US End Product Preference _____

Brand _____

Model _____

Note: The commodity 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)]

Item	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Description	Extended Price
2	1	Lot	Labor to install batteries per specifications	

Resident Contractor Preference _____

Resident Sub-Contractor Preference (2%) _____ **Number of Sub-Contractors** _____

Resident Sub-Contractor Preference (4%) _____ **Number of Sub-Contractors** _____

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 additional 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.

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Item	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Description	Extended Price
3	1	Lot	Shipping to Columbia, South Carolina for all batteries per specifications	

Delivery 30 days ARO

Total Items 1, 2 and 3 \$ _____