



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SOLICITATION

TO: ALL VENDORS  
FROM: Caleisha Hayes, Procurement Manager  
SUBJECT: SOLICITATION NUMBER: USC-BVB-3161-CH  
DESCRIPTION: LANDSCAPING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR GREEK VILLAGE AND 807 WHALEY  
DATE: July 18, 2017

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

Vendor Questions and Answers

**THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JULY 24, 2017 AT 11:00 AM.**

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OFFERORS SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH THEIR RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY SUBJECT THE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO REJECTION.

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Authorized Signature

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Name of Offeror

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Date

## USC-BVB-3161-CH

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

1. Are H2A visa workers allowed to perform work on this site?

**ANSWER: Yes. However, the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all of its employees or personnel are in compliance with federal employment laws. (See Illegal Immigration provision on page 29 of the solicitation).**

2. Shrub Pruning – Are burfurd hollies the only shrubs that can be mechanically pruned? There are other formal hedgerow type shrubs that can be sheared (Iorepetalum, and eleagnus) are these acceptable to be sheared??

**ANSWER: This will be left up to the best judgment of the Contractor and can be discussed in the monthly meetings with the University.**

3. Flower Beds – Since the contractor does not have control of the irrigation system, is the contractor responsible for replacement of flowers from over-watering or under watering?

**ANSWER: The University would work with the irrigation system to remedy the issue before getting to that point. The Contractor and USC Landscaping would have discussions on the irrigation needs of the flowers going in.**

4. Aerating – Is the contractor responsible for marking the irrigation heads before aeration, or will the University be responsible for that?

**ANSWER: The Contractor, but we can work with USC Landscaping to assist if necessary.**

5. Is the overgrowth coming over the walls and fences bordering the railroad track included in the contract to be maintained?

**ANSWER: Not specifically, if it grows over walls then proceed to cut, but going on the other side of the wall is not in the scope of the contract since this land is not owned by USC.**

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

6. 807 Whaley - is this to be mowed on the same schedule (twice a week) as Greek Village?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

7. 807 Whaley - is this to be a full service as Greek Village, such as fertilization, soil samples, aeration?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

8. Can you provide the monthly cost for the last Contractor?

**ANSWER: \$1,862.50.**

9. Can you provide the name of the last Contractor?

**ANSWER: Brookegreen.**

10. At the entrance, there are shrubs on both sides of the sidewalk, are we responsible for the shrubs at the entrance that are on the house side of the sidewalk?

**ANSWER: No.**

11. Do you know how many flats of annuals are planted at each rotation?

**ANSWER: No.**

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

12. Do I submit one hard copy of the original and three identical copies of the original on USB? Or do I submit one hard copy of the original and three copies of the Technical Proposal 'only' on USB and three copies of the Business Proposal 'only' on USB?

**ANSWER: You must submit one (1) hard copy each of the original Technical and Business proposals and three (3) copies each of the Technical and Business Proposals on USB drives (6 total USB drives).**