



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

Amendment NO. 3

TO: ALL VENDORS

FROM: William (Dennis) Gallman

**SUBJECT: USC-IFB-3179-DG/ LANDSCAPING SERVICES for USC BEAUFORT –
BLUFFTON CAMPUS & ATHLETICS FIELDS**

DATE: August 8, 2017

This Amendment No. 3 modifies the IFB only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

Item One: Clarifications to questions PRESENTED by various vendors

- 1) Question: Are the native areas, buffers and wood lines included in the scope of services?

Answer: No, those areas will remain as is.

- 2) Question: Is tree pruning included in the scope of services? If so, what are the height limitations?

Answer: This question is addressed in the matrix under Bluffton Campus – trees. “pruning as needed to maintain a neat uniform appearance”. While there is no designated height requirement, trees should be pruned so that there is clear passage underneath all branches.

- 3) Question: Does the proposal have to be over-nighted or can it be dropped off in Columbia on the day the proposal is due?

Answer: The bid must be mailed or hand delivered by the date and time stated in the solicitation or any amendments that extend the date and time for the receipt of bids.

- 4) Question: We were told that a map of the property highlighting the areas included in the scope of work will be provided., Will that be assessable today?

Answer: Yes.

- 5) Question: Is there a location for debris to be dumped on site?

Answer: No, all debris must be removed from site.

- 6) Question: Are non-irrigated lagoon banks included in Alternate 1?

Answer: No, the lagoon banks are not included in this solicitation.

- 7) Question: A native buffer is to remain around all lagoon banks correct?no mowing or trimming down to waters edge.

Answer: That is correct, a native buffer should remain.

- 8) Question: Are Native areas, wooded buffers and undeveloped property part of Alternate 1?

Answer: No, those areas will remain as is.

- 9) Question: What is the height limitation for tree pruning? Is the desire pedestrian access and no interference with structures or aesthetics?

Answer: This question is addressed in the matrix under Bluffton Campus – trees. “ pruning as needed to maintain a neat uniform appearance”. While there is no designated height requirement, trees should be pruned so that there is clear passage underneath all branches.

- 10) Question: Is the expansion of the student services building included? If so please provide a landscape plan.

Answer: The expansion of the Student Services building is included. The landscape plan is not yet available. Also included is the new parking area behind the Recreation building.

- 11) Question: What is the current yearly cost for Landscaping Services for USC Beaufort's Bluffton Campus and Athletic Fields contract?

Answer: The cost for regular service from 7/1/16 – 6/30/17 was approximately \$177,000. Please note that this number may reflect changes in scope and various other services that have been added or deleted.

- 12) Question: Please provide a total of any extra billing – outside the base contract – paid to the current contractor over the past twelve months.

Answer: The excess paid to the current contractor from 7/1/16 – 6/30/17 was approximately \$80,000. Please note that this is due to the fact that the previous contract did not include irrigation repair. This excess cost is largely due to needing an interim solution until irrigation repair could be addressed in the upcoming IFB.

- 13) Question: How is this IFB different from the current scope of work, if at all?

Answer: The IFB matches what is currently being done as of this month. For the alternates, the University current contracts out the mowing of the campus (alternate 1), internally covers the mowing of the recreation and soccer fields (alternate 2), and contracts out the upkeep of the softball and baseball fields.

- 14) Question: Pg. 31. Alternate #3. Does upkeep of the Baseball & Softball fields at the Hardeeville Recreation Complex include lining the fields for games?

Answer: No, the University does that.

- 15) Question: May any equipment be stored on campus?

Answer: No, there is no space to store equipment.

16) Question: Will there be a public bid opening for the solicitation?

Answer: Yes

17) Question. May bids be hand delivered to the procurement office in Columbia?

Answer: Yes

BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADENDMENT NO. 3 IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN IT **WITH THEIR IFB RESPONSE**. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY SUBJECT IFB TO REJECTION.

Authorized Signature

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Date