



## Request for Quotes

Solicitation Number: **USC-RFQ-3619-CH**  
 Date Issued: **March 13, 2020**  
 Procurement Officer: **Caleisha Hayes**  
 Phone: **803-777-4115**  
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 Mailing Address: **1600 Hampton Street, Ste 606**

**DESCRIPTION: Furnish, Deliver and Install Micro Gas Chromatography Workstations and Software**

**USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

*The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Paper Offer or Modification" provision.*

Quotes must be emailed to [caleisha@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:caleisha@mailbox.sc.edu)

**SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): March 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM (EST)** (See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

**QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: March 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM (EST)** (See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

CONFERENCE TYPE: N/A DATE & TIME: <small>(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" &amp; "Site Visit" provisions)</small>	LOCATION: N/A
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You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By signing, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of Thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date. (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

<b>NAME OF OFFEROR</b>  <small>(full legal name of business submitting the offer)</small>	<small>Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the Offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.</small>
<b>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</b>  <small>(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)</small>	<b>DATE SIGNED</b>
<b>TITLE</b>  <small>(business title of person signing above)</small>	<b>STATE VENDOR NO.</b>  <small>(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at <a href="http://www.procurement.sc.gov">www.procurement.sc.gov</a>)</small>
<b>PRINTED NAME</b>  <small>(printed name of person signing above)</small>	<b>STATE OF INCORPORATION</b>  <small>(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)</small>

**OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)** (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

Sole Proprietorship     
  Partnership     
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)     
  Corporation (tax-exempt)     
  Government entity (federal, state, or local)

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HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for Offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)
	Area Code - Number - Extension <span style="float: right;">Facsimile</span>
	E-mail Address

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Home Office Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Home Office Address
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Notice Address <b>(check only one)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Notice Address <b>(check only one)</b>

<b>ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS</b>							
Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	_____ Calendar Days (%)
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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](http://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 - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE: Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(i)&(ii)) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).

In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address  
 In-State Office Address same as Notice Address **(check only one)**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All amendments to and interpretations of this Request for Quotations 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 solicitation 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 or correction of materials furnished hereunder.

Unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated. Quoted prices must remain firm for a period of no less than thirty (30) days beyond the RFQ deadline.

Award will be made in accordance with Section 11-35-1550 of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code. Award will be made to one offeror for the complete job.

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.

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 (contractor) 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.

Award Criteria: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) whose RFQ meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the Request for Quotation.

Bidders Qualification: Bidders must, upon request of the University, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these specifications. The Purchasing Department reserves the right to make the final determination as to the bidder's ability to provide the products or services requested herein.

Bidder's Responsibility: Each bidder shall fully acquaint himself with conditions relating to the scope and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the conditions of this RFQ. It is expected that this will sometimes require on-site observation. The failure or omission of a bidder to acquaint him with existing conditions shall in no way relieve him of any obligation with respect to this RFQ or to the contract.

Rejection/Cancellation: The University of South Carolina reserves the right to reject any and all RFQs and to cancel the RFQ.

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**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 - SC/US END-PRODUCT (SEP 2009)**

Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference to vendors offering South Carolina end-products or US end-products, if those products are made, manufactured, or grown in SC or the US, respectively. An end-product 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. [02-2B112-1]]

**DELIVERY / PERFORMANCE LOCATION - SPECIFIED (JAN 2006)**

After award, all deliveries shall be made and all services provided to the following address, unless otherwise specified on the Purchase Order:

Prof. Xingjian Xue  
Department of Mechanical Engineering and SOFC Program  
541 Main Street, Horizon-I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 339  
Columbia, SC 29208

**OPERATIONAL MANUALS (JAN 2006)**

Unless otherwise specified, contractor shall provide one operational manual for each item acquired.

**QUALITY – NEW (JAN 2006)**

All items must be new.

**UNIT PRICE GOVERNS (JAN 2006)**

In determining award, unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated. [06-6075-1]

## **SPECIFICATIONS:**

1) Agilent 8890 GC System Custom

With the following configuration:

Ship-to Country : USA

Qty of SS 1.0 cc loops (504) : 1

Country of Origin : United States

8890 100psi Split/splitless Inlet Accy

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Factory plumbing For quick installation

Exhaust Deflector Assy

Gas Sampling valve loop, 0.25cc

Gas Sampling valve loop, 0.5cc

Gas Sampling valve loop, 1cc

Gas Sampling Valve Loop 2cc

6-Port Valve - Gas Sampling Valve

SVO Heated, automated valve box 1 valve

Interface upstream Gas or Liq Samp Valve

0.320 mm id Cap Column to Valve Kit

Installation (44K)

Familiarization at Installation (44L)

2) OpenLab CDS Workstation PC Bundle. Includes software, PC with 8GB, 2 connections, 1 year Software Maintenance Agreement and phone support. Does not include a printer.

With the following configuration:

Ship-to Country : USA

GC Instrument Connection

Installation (44K)

Familiarization at Installation (44L)

1 Year SW Update/Phone Assist (44W)

3) 8890 Gas Chromatography System

With the following configuration:

Ship-to Country : USA

Extended Warranty - 2yrs total

4) 490 Micro Gas Chromatography

With the following configuration:

Ship-to Country : USA

Installation (44K)

One GC Channel

SI unheated front all channels

Septum nut SI front

MS5A 10m UnI-Str (113)

5) OpenLab EZChrom Compact Workstation

Includes software and licenses

PC and licenses for add-ons (e.g. OpenLab 3D UV (PDA) Add-on)

With the following configuration:

Ship-to Country: USA

**BIDDING SCHEDULE**

Item	Qty	Unit of Measure	Description	Total Price
1	1	Ea	Micro Gas Chromatography Workstations and Software	\$ _____

Resident Vendor Preference \_\_\_\_\_

SC End Product Preference \_\_\_\_\_

US End Product Preference \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The commodity preferences do not apply to a single unit of an item with a price in excess of \$50,000 or a single award with a total potential value in excess of \$500,000. [11-35-1524(E)(2)]

Please refer to the preference clauses listed in the terms and conditions of this solicitation to ensure that you qualify to select the above preferences.

Item	Qty	Unit of Measure	Description	Total Price
2	1	Lot	Installation	\$ _____

Item	Qty	Unit of Measure	Description	Total Price
3	1	Lot	Freight	\$ _____

**Total (Items 1-3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**