



FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Amendment 1

Solicitation Number: RFP-2036
 Date Issued: 09/22/2009
 Procurement Officer: Velma C. Simmons
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DESCRIPTION: Provide The Francis Marion Athletic Teams with Transportation Services.

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Unless submitted on-line, your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Offer" provision.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Francis Marion University
 Purchasing Office
 P.O. Box 100547
 Florence, S.C. 29501-0547

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

Francis Marion University
 Central Receiving
 4822 E. Palmetto Street
 Florence, S.C. 29506

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): 10/09/2009 2:30 P.M. (See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 09/28/2009 5:00 P.M. (See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) original in hardcopy and two (2) copies (marked "copy")

**CONFERENCE TYPE:
 DATE & TIME:**

(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)

LOCATION:

**AWARD &
 AMENDMENTS**

Award will be posted on **10/23/2009** The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: <http://www.fmarion.edu/about/solicitationsandawards>

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, 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" and "Electronic Signature" provisions.)

NAME OF OFFEROR

(full legal name of business submitting the offer)

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.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

(See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)

TITLE

(business title of person signing above)

STATE VENDOR NO.

(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)

PRINTED NAME

(printed name of person signing above)

DATE SIGNED

STATE OF INCORPORATION

(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)

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)

SAP AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (JANUARY 2006) (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: www.procurement.sc.gov. (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

The award day has been changed to October 23, 2009.

The original solicitation response must be submitted by October 09, 2009 by 2:30 pm. Offeror should reference cover page of the solicitation for the number of copies of the responses needed. Any additional copies should be sent to:

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The following is the response to submitted questions:

**Response to Questions
Solicitation: RFP-2036
Transportation Services**

Q1. Green's Travel Coach have questions and concerns about the recent bid on Septembers 24, 2009. Bid number RFP-2036. Your requiring that drivers have a CDL Class B License. This requirement does not authorize a person to operate a passenger coach.

A1. The website for the Commercial Driver's License Manual is indicated below. In the manual on page 3 it states "Class B -- A single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds and any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds (GVWR)." According to the SCDMV, the license should have a P endorsement after the Class B. (P is for passengers) (A gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) is the maximum allowable total weight of a road vehicle or trailer when loaded - i.e. including the weight of the vehicle itself plus fuel, passengers, cargo, and trailer tongue weight.)

<http://www.scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/forms/cdl%20manual.pdf>

Q2. According to code 11-35-1520 all bids over \$50,000.00 must be sealed and mail to you. Will you accept bids fax to you that is under \$50,000.00?

A2. The code referenced in your question, 11-35-1520 refers to competitive sealed bids. This is a request for proposal, which gives the requestor the latitude to require sealed proposals as stated on the cover page of this request for proposals.

Q3. According to section 11-35-1528

Best Value Bidding. The purpose of best value bidding is to allow factors other than price to be considered in the determination of award for specific supplies, services, or information technology based on pre-determined criteria identified by the State.

A1. This is a request for proposals, not a best value bid solicitation.

Q4. Evaluation Factors. The best value bid must state the factors to be used in determination of award and the numerical weighting for each factor. Cost must be a factor in determination of award and cannot be weighted at less than sixty percent.

A4. This is a request for proposals, not a best value bid solicitation.

Q5. According to your evaluation the price will only be weight in at 15% of the bid. Is this legal or what?

A5. According to the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code & Regulations Annotated section 11-35-1530 (7) “Selection and Ranking. Proposals must be evaluated using only the criteria stated in the request for proposals and there must be adherence to weightings that have been assigned previously. Once evaluation is complete, all responsive offerors must be ranked from most advantageous to least advantageous to the State, considering only the evaluation factors stated in the request for proposals. If price is an initial evaluation factor, award must be made in accordance with Section 11-35-1530 (9) below.

(9) Award. Award must be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the State, taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposals.”