

	FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR QUOTATION	Solicitation Number	RFQ-2040
		Date Issued	10/21/2009
		Procurement Officer	Velma Simmons
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PLEASE ENTER, ON PAGE 4 QUOTATION SCHEDULES, YOUR BEST PRICES TO FURNISH COMPOUND DIGITAL MICROSCOPE FOR FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): November 5, 2009/ 4:00PM ET

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: October 28, 2009

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: **One (1) copy**

SUBMIT YOUR OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:
Francis Marion University
PO Box 100547
Florence, SC 29501-0547

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
Francis Marion University
Central Receiving Department
4822 East Palmetto Street
Florence, SC 29506

FACSIMILE:
Fax: 843.661.1165
ATTN: Velma Simmons

See "Submitting Your Offer" provision

SITE VISIT: N/A See "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions	LOCATION: N/A
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AWARD & AMENDMENTS	The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following website: http://www.fmarion.edu/about/solicitationsandawards Award will be posted on or about 11/06/2009.
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You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, you agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date.

NAME OF OFFEROR <small>(Full legal name of business submitting the offer)</small>		OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: <small>(Check one)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate entity (not tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Government entity (federal, state, or local) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <small>(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)</small>
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE <small>(Person signing must be authorized to submit binding offer to enter contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)</small>		
TITLE <small>(Business title of person signing above)</small>		
PRINTED NAME <small>(Printed name of person signing above)</small>	DATE SIGNED	

Instructions regarding Offeror's name: Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the offeror above. An offer may be submitted by only one legal entity. 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.

STATE OF INCORPORATION	<small>(If offeror is a corporation, identify the state of Incorporation.)</small>
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.?	PHONE NUMBER: FAX NUMBER:

RETURN THIS PAGE AND PAGE FOUR, COMPLETED, WITH YOUR RESPONSE.

Solicitation Outline

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- IV. Quotation Schedule

I. Instructions to Offerors

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: <http://www.fmarion.edu/about/solicitationsandawards> (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.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD (JANUARY 2006) In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Officer in writing.

BOARD AS PROCUREMENT AGENT (AUG 2004) (a) Authorized Agent. All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement. (b) Purchasing Liability. The Procurement Officer is an employee of the Board acting on behalf of the Using Governmental Unit(s) pursuant to the Consolidated Procurement Code. Any contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and the Using Governmental Units(s). The Board is not a party to such contracts, unless and to the extent that the board is a using governmental unit, and bears no liability for any party's losses arising out of or relating in any way to the contract.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER (JANUARY 2006) Any offer received after the Procurement Officer of the governmental body or his designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated purchasing office or the governmental bodies' mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the bid opening. [R.19-445.2070(H)]

DUTY TO INQUIRE (JANUARY 2006) Offeror, by submitting an Offer, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the State's attention.

ETHICS ACT (JANUARY 2006) By submitting an Offer, You certify that You are in compliance with South Carolina's Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991, as amended. The following statutes require special attention: (a) Offering, giving, soliciting, or receiving anything of value to influence action of public employee – Section 8-13-790, (b) Recovery of kickbacks – Section 8-13-790, (c) Offering, soliciting, or receiving money for advice or assistance of public official – Section 8-13-720, (d) Use or disclosure of confidential information – Section 8-13-725, and (e) Persons hired to assist in the preparation of specifications or evaluation of bids – Section 8-13-1150.

PUBLIC OPENING (JANUARY 2006) Offers will be publicly opened at the date / time and at the location identified on the Cover Page, or last Amendment, whichever is applicable

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS (JANUARY 2006): (a) 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 five (5) days prior to opening unless otherwise stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the procurement officer, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an Amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective offerors. (b) The State seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Officer – as soon as possible – regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition.

REJECTION/CANCELLATION (JANUARY 2006) The State may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The State may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. [SC Code Section 11-35-1710 & R.19-445.2065.]

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO OFFERORS (JANUARY 2006) Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of the state Ethics Act. (a) After issuance of the solicitation, *you agree not to discuss this procurement activity in any way with the Using Governmental Unit or its employees, agents or officials*. All communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer. This restriction may be lifted by express written permission from the Procurement Officer. This restriction expires once a contract has been formed. (b) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, *you agree not to give anything to any Using Governmental Unit*

SIGNING YOUR OFFER Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror.

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER (JANUARY 2006) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid. The withdrawal and correction of Offers is governed by S.C. Code Section 11-35-1520 and Regulation 19-445.2085.

II. Terms and Conditions

ASSIGNMENT (JANUARY 2006): No contract or its provisions may be assigned, sublet, or transferred without the written consent of the Procurement Officer.

CHOICE-OF-LAW (JANUARY 2006): The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

FIXED PRICING REQUIRED (JANUARY 2006): Any pricing provided by contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Except as otherwise provided in this solicitation, contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms. This clause does not prohibit contractor from offering lower pricing after award.

NON-INDEMNIFICATION (JANUARY 2006): Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify anyone. different address for notice by giving notice in accordance with this paragraph.

PUBLICITY (JANUARY 2006): Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by State employees, or include the State in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS (JANUARY 2006): The Parties' rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY (JANUARY 2006) This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Contract as a third party beneficiary or otherwise.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS (JANUARY 2006): During the term of the contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE Contractor shall purchase from and maintain in a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina such insurance as will protect the contractor from the types of claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from the contractor's operations under the contract and for which the contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the contractor or by a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JANUARY 2006): The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Contract. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.

INDEMNIFICATION - THIRD PARTY CLAIMS (JANUARY 2006): Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, Contractor shall defend and indemnify the State of South Carolina, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees against all suits or claims of any nature (and all damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities attributable thereto) by any third party which arise out of, or result in any way from, any defect in the goods or services acquired hereunder or from any act or omission of Contractor, its subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants or agents. Contractor shall be given written notice of any suit or claim. State shall allow Contractor to defend such claim so long as such defense is diligently and capably prosecuted through legal counsel. State shall allow Contractor to settle such suit or claim so long as (i) all settlement payments are made by (and any deferred settlement payments are the sole liability of) Contractor, and (ii) the settlement imposes no non-monetary obligation upon State. State shall not admit liability or agree to a settlement or other disposition of the suit or claim, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Contractor. State shall reasonably cooperate with Contractor's defense of such suit or claim. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination of the parties' agreement.

LICENSES AND PERMITS (JANUARY 2006): During the term of the contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining, and maintaining in good standing, all licenses (including professional licenses, if any), permits, inspections and related fees for each or any such licenses, permits and/or inspections required by the State, county, city or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the contract.

MINORITY PARTICIPATION (JANUARY 2006)

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

III. Scope of Work/Specifications

Provide compound digital microscopes for Francis Marion University Science Department. .

IV. Quotation Schedule

Award will be made to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder with the lowest unit price. DO NOT INCLUDE SALES TAX IN YOUR PRICE.

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
1ea	Motic DMB1-2MP Compound Digital Microscope	_____
15ea	Omano OM139 Compound Trinocular Microscope	_____
1ea	Moticam 2300-3.1 Megapixel Versatile Digital Microscope Camera	_____
	Shipping	_____
TOTAL		_____

S.C. RESIDENT VENDOR & SC/US PREFERENCES

SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE: A vendor is considered to be a resident of this state if the vendor is authorized to transact business within the State, *maintains an office in the State, maintains a minimum \$10,000.00 representative inventory at the time of the bid, or is a manufacturer which is headquartered and has at least a ten million dollar payroll in South Carolina and the product is made or processed from raw materials into a finished end-product by such manufacturer or an affiliate (as defined in section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code) of such manufacturer, and has paid all assessed taxes. (Re: section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Procurement Code).

All bidders requesting this preference must place your initials here. _____.