Francis Marion University – Quote Request

Quote Name and Number: **RFQ-2469- Provide and Deliver Fall 2025 Annual Bedding Plants to FMU**
Date: 06/19/2025

Francis Marion University is accepting quotes for: Vendor to provide & deliver annual bedding plants as specified below.

The following schedule is required to be completed by the offeror:
Please quote your lowest delivered price for the item(s) below. Francis Marion University reserves the right to reject any or all quotes and to waive any or all technicalities.

Notes:
1) Exclude Sales Tax in your bid prices.
2) Include delivery/freight/shipping – FOB Destination included to Florence, SC.
3) The attached Terms and Conditions apply to all quotes and supersedes Offeror's Terms and Conditions.
4) Term of Contract – Term of contract shall be approximately May commencing on the date listed on the purchase order.

Item		Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
1		500	**Fall Planting: Dusty Miller**		
			Size: 6 inch pots Soil: Best Available		
2		200	**Fall Planting: Snapdragons mix color**		
			Size: 6 inch pots Soil: Best Available		
3		500	**Fall Planting: Dianthus "red color"**		
			Size: 6 inch pots Soil: Best Available		
4		500	**Fall Planting: Dianthus "white color"**		
			Size: 6 inch pots Soil: Best Available		
5		100	**Fall Planting: Ornamental Cabbage mix color**		
			Size: 6 inch pots Soil: Best Available		
6		100	**Fall Planting: Ornamental Kale mix color**		
			Size: 6 inch pots Soil: Best Available		
7		20 Flats	**Fall Planting: Viola mix color**		
			Size: 1801 size pots Soil: Best Available		
			Delivery/Shipping/Freight		
			Total Price (excluding sales tax)		

Order Delivery Deadline/Date:	**NO LATER THAN EARLY October 2025**

Delivery/Performance Location: After award, all deliveries shall be made and all services provided to the following address, unless otherwise specified:

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

Quote may be emailed to: jdhester@fmarion.edu or faxed to (843)-661-1161

Questions must be received by: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 (07/02/2025) at 2 pm EST

Quote must be received by: Thursday, July 17, 2025 (07/17/2025) at 2 pm EST

This section must be completed by the Vendor:

Company Name:			
Authorized Signature:			
Authorized Signature (printed):			
Date:			
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
E-Mail:			
Federal ID Number:		SC Minority Cert. # (if applicable):	

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Default: In case or default by the Contractor, Francis Marion University reserves the right to purchase any or all items in default in the open market, charging the Contractor with any additional costs. The defaulting Contractor shall not be considered a responsible Contractor until the assessed charge has been satisfied.

All amendments to and interpretation of this RFQ 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 Francis Marion University resulting from this quotation 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 of correction of materials furnished hereunder.

Quoted prices must remain firm for a period of thirty (30) days beyond the Request for Quotation deadline.

Unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated.

Francis Marion University shall consider payment discounts in the award of this contract when such discounts are for thirty (30) days or more after final inspection and acceptance of contract requirements. Payment discounts for less than thirty days are encouraged but shall not be a factor in award determination. Please state your discount terms using the above referenced information as the University's position on the matter.

All materials and products offered must be guaranteed to meet and comply with the requirements all the specifications, terms and conditions indicated or referred to.

The award will be made in accordance with Section 11-35-1550 (b)of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code.

The University reserves the right to reject any and all quotations and to cancel the solicitation; waive any and all technicalities; the University reserves the right to reject any quotation in which the delivery tine indicated to be of substantial length to cause disruption and/or delay in operation for which the item(s) is/are intended; ambiguous quotations which are uncertain as to terms, delivery, quantity or compliance with specifications may be rejected.

The contractor assumes sole responsibility and shall hold harmless Francis Marion University, 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 Contractor, its directors, officers, employees and agents under this agreement. Francis Marion University 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 Francis Marion University, 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 quotation, 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 Contractor from requirements that it be authorized and/or licensed to do business in this State, by submission of this signed quote, the Contractor 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.

Termination: Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated for any reason by the University providing a thirty-day advance notice in writing is given to the contractor.

Termination for Convenience: In the event that this contract is terminated or cancelled upon request and for the convenience of the University may negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.

Termination for Cause: Termination by the University for cause, default, or negligence on the part of the Contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provisions; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The thirty-day advance notice requirement is waived and the default provision in this bid shall apply.

HIPAA Law: The Contractor agrees that to the extent that some or all of the activities within the scope of this Contract are subject to the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-91, as amended ("HIPAA"), or its implementing regulations, it will comply with the HIPAA requirements and will execute such agreements and practices as the Francis Marion University may require to ensure compliance. Additional information may be viewed at: http://www.sc.edu/hipaa/

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE (APR 2023):
("OCI FAQ for Contractors" is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) (a) You certify that, to the best of your knowledge and belief: (1) your offer identifies any services that relate to either this solicitation or the work and that have already been performed by you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business or consultant of either; and (2) there are no relevant facts or circumstances that may give rise to an actual or potential organizational conflict of interest, as defined in S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19- 445.2127, or that your offer identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award. (b) If you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business or consultant of either, have an unfair competitive advantage or a significant actual or potential conflict of interest, the State may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, the State will notify you of the concerns and provide a reasonable opportunity for you to respond. The State may consider efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities. (c) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which the State will rely when considering your offer for award. [02-2A047- 3]

ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST (APR 2023)
(a) The Contractor agrees to immediately advise the Procurement Officer if an actual or potential organizational conflict of interest is discovered after award, and to make a full written disclosure promptly thereafter to the Procurement Officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Procurement Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict. (b) The State may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid an organizational conflict of interest. Contractor's failure to include an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not increase the obligation of the State beyond what it would have been if the subcontract had contained such a clause. (c) The disclosure required by paragraph (a) of this provision is a material obligation of the contract. If the Contractor knew or should have known of an organizational conflict of interest prior to award, or discovers an actual or potential conflict after Organizational Conflicts of Interest PGI, page 32 award, and does not disclose, or misrepresents, relevant information to the Procurement Officer, the State may terminate the contract for default. [07-7A054-1]

Special Conditions

Licenses, Permits, Insurance: All costs for required licenses, permits and insurance shall be borne by the Contractor.

Francis Marion University 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. These include, but are not limited to: The Occupational safety and Health Act, The Environmental Protection Act, The South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Act.

Important– Please Note - Contractors, we MUST have your Federal ID # (company) or Social Security # (individual) before processing any invoices for payment. Failure to provide this information will result in delay of payments until this information is received. Please include this information with your quote.

Instructions To Offerors – Special Instructions

Brand Name Or Equal Specification: The use of a "brand name or equal" specification which uses one or more manufacturer's names or catalogue numbers to describe the standard of quality, performance and other characteristics needed to meet state requirements, and which provides for the submission of equivalent products. Brand name or equal specifications are not intended to limit or restrict competition. An item shall be considered to be substantially equivalent, or

“equal” to the specified brand if in the opinion of the Procurement Officer, the University can reasonably anticipate sufficiently similar quality, capacity, durability, performance, utility and productivity as provided by the specified brand. Your offer must include manufacturer's latest literature showing complete product specifications if bidding on other than specified. Failure to include descriptive literature may be reason for rejection of your bid.

Award Criteria

Award Criteria – Bids (JAN 2006) Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s).

Award To One Offeror (JAN 2006) Award will be made to one Offeror.

Unit Price Governs (JAN 2006) In determining award, unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated.