Invitation for Bid

Solicitation Numbr	**IFB-2491**
Date Issued	**06/29/2026**
Purchasing Officer	**Jennifer Hester**
Phone	**(843) 661-1161**
E-Mail Address	**jdhester@fmarion.edu**

DESCRIPTION: **Provide Fall 2026 Semester Charter Bus Transportation for FMU Athletic Teams**

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal".

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): **07/23/2026 at 2:00 PM EST** See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **07/08/2026 at 2:00 PM EST** See "Questions From Offerors" provision

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: **One (1) Original, hard copy mailed with one (1) flash drive or other USB device as Specified in a sealed package to one of the addresses listed below.**

SUBMIT YOUR OFFER TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES IN A SEALED PACKAGE.

MAILING ADDRESS:	EXPRESS SHIPPING ADDRESS:	HAND-DELIVERY:
Francis Marion University **Purchasing Office** **P.O. Box 100547** **Florence, SC 29502-0547**	**Francis Marion University** **Central Receiving** **4822 E. Palmetto Street Florence, SC 29506**	**Francis Marion University** **Purchasing Office (Room 102)** **Stokes Administration Building** **4822 E. Palmetto Street** **Florence, SC 29506**

CONFERENCE TYPE: **N/A** DATE & TIME: **As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions**	LOCATION:

AWARD & AMENDMENTS	Statement of Intent to Award will be posted at the Physical Address stated above on **07/27/2026.** The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following web address: http://www.fmarion.edu/about/solicitationsawards

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.

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

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 (If Offeror is a corporation, identify the state of Incorporation.)	
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO. (See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)	

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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) _____ Address _____ Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile _____ **E-mail Address**

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause) ___ Payment Address same as Home Office Address ___Payment Address same as Notice Address **(check only one)**	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses) ____Order Address same as Home Office Address ____Order Address same as Notice Address **(check only one)**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS
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 (%)

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 . ***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)**

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Questions:

Deadline for receipt of questions regarding this Solicitation: (see cover page for date & time)

To submit questions or request additional information, send your written question/request to be received in Francis Marion University's Purchasing Office no later than the date and time shown above.

Send Questions to:	Mail:	**Francis Marion University** **Purchasing Office** **PO Box 100547** **Florence, SC 29502-0547** **Attn: Jennifer Hester**
	Email:	**jdhester@fmarion.edu**
Mark Envelopes, or emails:		Questions: **IFB- 2491 – FMU Fall 2026 Charter Bus Transportation**

*E-mail is the preferred method for receiving **questions.**

Note (Regarding Submission of Bids): Bids for this solicitation CANNOT be submitted by facsimile (FAX) or email. Offerors MUST submit one (1), original hard copy in a sealed package.

I. Scope of Solicitation

Scope of Services

Acquisition: The scope of this solicitation is to provide chartered bus services for the Francis Marion University Athletic Department as specified within Section III. Scope of Work/Specifications of this document.

ACQUIRE SERVICES (JAN 2006): The purpose of this solicitation is to acquire services complying with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions.

MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD – ESTIMATED (JAN 2006):
Start date: **08/01/2026** End date: **01/04/2027** Dates provided are estimates only. Any resulting contract will begin on the date specified in the notice of award. See clause entitled "Term of Contract - Effective Date/Initial Contract Period". [01-1040-1]

II. Instructions to Offerors

A. General Instructions

DEFINITIONS, CAPITALIZATION, AND HEADINGS (FEB 2015) CLAUSE HEADINGS USED IN THIS SOLICITATION ARE FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND SHALL NOT BE USED TO CONSTRUE MEANING OR INTENT. EVEN IF NOT CAPITALIZED, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION, UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE.
AMENDMENT means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.
BOARD means the South Carolina Budget & Control Board or its successor in interest.
BUSINESS means any corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, joint venture, or any other legal entity. [11-35-310(3)]
CHANGE ORDER means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract. [11-35-310(4)]
CONTRACT See clause entitled Contract Documents & Order of Precedence.
CONTRACT MODIFICATION means a written order signed by the Purchasing Officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the clause of the contract titled “Changes,” if included herein, authorizes the Purchasing Officer to order without the consent of the contractor. [11-35-310(9)]
CONTRACTOR means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.
COVER PAGE means the top page of the original solicitation on which the solicitation is identified by number. Offerors are cautioned that Amendments may modify information provided on the Cover Page.
OFFER means the bid or proposal submitted in response this solicitation. The terms Bid and Proposal are used interchangeably with the term Offer.
OFFEROR means the single legal entity submitting the offer. The term Bidder is used interchangeably with the term Offeror. See bidding provisions entitled Signing Your Offer and Bid/Proposal As Offer To Contract.
PAGE TWO means the second page of the original solicitation, which is labeled Page Two.
PURCHASING OFFICER means the person, or his successor, identified as such on either the Cover Page, an amendment, or an award notice.
YOU and YOUR means Offeror.
SOLICITATION means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.
STATE means the Using Governmental Unit(s) identified on the Cover Page.
SUBCONTRACTOR means any person you contract with to perform or provide any part of the work.
US or WE means the using governmental unit.
USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT means the unit(s) of government identified as such on the Cover Page. If the Cover Page identifies the Using Governmental Unit as “Statewide Term Contract,” the phrase “Using Governmental Unit” means any South Carolina Public Procurement Unit [11-35-4610(5)] that has submitted a Purchase Order to you pursuant to the contract resulting from this solicitation. Reference the clauses titled “Purchase Orders” and “Statewide Term Contract.”
WORK means all labor, materials, equipment, services, or property of any type, provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.[02-2A003-2]

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (JAN 2004): (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.tridenttech.edu/procurement.htm (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.

AUTHORIZED AGENT (FEB 2015): All authority regarding this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Purchasing Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Purchasing Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement or the resulting contract. [02-2A007-1]

AWARD NOTIFICATION (FEB 2015): Notice regarding any award, cancellation of award, or extension of award will be posted at the location and on the date specified on the Cover Page or, if applicable, any notice of extension of award. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value of one hundred thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation and any award will not be effective until the eleventh day after such notice is given. [02-2A010-2]

BID / PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT (JAN 2004): By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with the Using Governmental Unit(s). Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror on the Cover Page. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; “joint bids” are not allowed. [02-2A015-1]

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD (JAN 2004): In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Purchasing Officer in writing.

BID IN ENGLISH & DOLLARS (JAN 2004): Offers submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in the English language and in US dollars, unless otherwise permitted by the Solicitation

PROCUREMENT AGENT (FMU – JUNE 2022): The Purchasing Officer is an employee of the State 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 State is not a party
to such contracts, unless and to the extent that the University 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. [02-2A030-3]

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION (MAY 2008) GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.
(a) By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that-
(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to-
(i) Those prices;
(ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
(iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.
(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory-
(1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or
(2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the offeror's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];
(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and
(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification.
(c) If the offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure. [02-2A032-1].

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JAN 2004)
(a)(1) By submitting an Offer, Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-
(i) Offeror and/or any of its Principals-
(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;
(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal,

state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and
(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.
(ii) Offeror has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.
(2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).
(b) Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Purchasing Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
(c) If Offeror is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a)(1), Offer must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish additional information as requested by the Purchasing Officer may render the Offeror non-responsible.
(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the State, the Purchasing Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE (JAN 2006): The South Carolina Code of Laws, including the Consolidated Procurement Code, is available at http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/statmast.htm. The South Carolina Regulations are available at: http://www.scstatehouse.net/coderegs/statmast.htm. [02-2A040-2]

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]

SUBMISSION OF OFFER (FMU – MAR 2005): Offers must be received in the Purchasing Office by date and time stated on cover page. (FMU May 2024)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER (JAN 2004): Any offer received after the Purchasing 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 body's mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the opening. [R.19-445.2070(G)] [02-2A050-1]

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE CERTIFICATION (JAN 2004): By submitting an Offer, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

DUTY TO INQUIRE (FEB 2015): 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. All ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation shall be interpreted to require the better quality or greater quantity of work and/or materials, unless otherwise directed by amendment. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the State's attention. See clause entitled “Questions from Offerors.” [02-2A070-2]

ETHICS CERTIFICATE (May 2008): By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The state may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the Purchasing Officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed. [02-2A075-2]

OFFEROR’S RESPONSIBILITY (FMU – MAR 2005): Additionally, each offeror shall fully acquaint himself with conditions relating to the scope and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the conditions of this solicitation. It is expected that this will sometimes require on-site observation. The failure or omission of an offeror to acquaint himself with existing conditions shall in no way relieve him of any obligation with respect to this solicitation or to the contract.

OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE (JAN 2004): Do not include any sales or use taxes in your price that the State may be required to pay. [02-2A080-1]

OPEN TRADE REPRESENTATION (JUN 2015): By submitting an Offer, Offeror represents that Offeror is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300. [02-2A083-1]

PROTESTS (MAY 2019): If you are aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-4210. To protest a solicitation, you must submit a protest within fifteen days of the date the applicable solicitation document is issued. To protest an award, you must (i) submit notice of your intent to protest within seven business days of the date the award notice is posted, and (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date the award notice is posted. Days are calculated as provided in Section 11-35-310(13). Both protests and notices of intent to protest must be in writing and must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided. See clause entitled “Protest-CPO”. The grounds of the protest and the relief requested must be set forth with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided. [02-2A085-2]

PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS AND DONATIONS (FEB 2015): Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of law.
(a) During the period between publication of the solicitation and final award, ***you must not communicate, directly or indirectly, with the Using Governmental Unit or its employees, agents or officials regarding any aspect of this procurement activity***, *unless otherwise approved in writing by the Purchasing Officer*. All communications must be solely with the Purchasing Officer. [R. 19-445.2010]
(b) You are advised to familiarize yourself with Regulation 19-445.2165, which restricts donations to a governmental entity with whom you have or seek to have a contract. ***You represent that your offer discloses any gifts made, directly or through an intermediary, by you or your named subcontractors to or for the benefit of the Using Governmental Unit during the period beginning eighteen months prior to the Opening Date***. [R. 19-445.2165] [02-2A087-1]

PUBLIC OPENING (JAN 2004): Offers will be publicly opened at the date / time and at the location identified on the Cover Page, or last Amendment, whichever is applicable. [02-2A090-1]

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS (FEB 2015): (a) Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. Questions regarding the original solicitation or any amendment must be received by the Purchasing Officer no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless an earlier date is

stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the Purchasing Officer, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. [See R. 19-445.2042(B)] 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. See clause entitled “Duty to Inquire.” **We will not identify you in our answer to your question**. (b) The State seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Purchasing 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. [See R. 19-445.2140] [02-2A095-2]

SUBMITTING A PAPER OFFER OR MODIFICATION (SPECIFIED – FMU – APR 2022):
Offers must be received in the Purchasing Office by date and time stated on cover page. By Submission of an offer, you are guaranteeing that all goods and/or services meet the requirements of the bid during the contract period. For paper offer or modification the following instructions apply. (a) All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself (including bid schedule). (b) (1) All copies of the offer or modification, and any other documents required to be submitted with the offer shall be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope or package. (2) Submit your offer or modification to the address on the Cover Page. (3) The envelope or package must show the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. If the offer or modification is sent by mail or special delivery service (UPS, Federal Express, etc.), the outermost envelope or wrapper must be labeled "OFFER ENCLOSED" on the face thereof. (c) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, submit each offer in a separate envelope or package. (d) Submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

REJECTION/CANCELLATION (JAN 2004): 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.] [02-2A100-1]

REJECTION – TIME (FMU – JUNE 2022): The right is reserved to reject any offer in which the delivery time indicated is considered sufficient to delay the operation for which the commodity is intended.

RESPONSIVENESS/IMPROPER OFFERS (JUN 2015): (a) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.
(b) Multiple Offers. Offerors may submit more than one Offer, provided that each Offer has significant differences other than price. Each separate Offer must satisfy all Solicitation requirements. If this solicitation is an Invitation for Bids, each separate offer must be submitted as a separate document. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, multiple offers may be submitted as one document, provided that you clearly differentiate between each offer and you submit a separate cost proposal for each offer, if applicable.
(c) Responsiveness. Any Offer which fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as nonresponsive. Offers which impose conditions that modify material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected. If a fixed price is required, an Offer will be rejected if the total possible cost to the State cannot be determined. Offerors will not be given an opportunity to correct any material nonconformity. Any deficiency resulting from a minor informality may be cured or waived at the sole discretion of the Purchasing Officer. [R.19-445.2070 and Section 11-35-1520(13)]
(d) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Purchasing Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. [R. 19-445.2070].
(e) Unbalanced Bidding. The State may reject an Offer as nonresponsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the State even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.
(f) **Do not submit bid samples or descriptive literature unless expressly requested.** Unsolicited bid samples or descriptive literature will not be examined or tested, will not be used to determine responsiveness, and will not be deemed to vary any of the provisions of the solicitation. S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445.2077(D). [02-2A105-2]

SIGNING YOUR OFFER (JAN 2004): Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words “by its Partner,” and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint venturer involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offer must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of participant. (e) If an Offer is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Offer must state that is has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal. [02-2A115-1]

STATE OFFICE CLOSINGS (JAN 2004): If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal government processes so that offers cannot be received at the government office designated for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal government processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If state offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference. Useful information may be available at: https://scemd.org/closings/ [02-2A120-3]

DISCLOSURE OF YOUR BID / PROPOSAL & SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL DATA (FEB 2021):
(a) According to Section 11-35-410, any person submitting a document in response or with regard to any solicitation or other request must "comply with instructions provided in the solicitation for marking information exempt from public disclosure. Information not marked as required by the applicable instructions may be disclosed to the public." IF YOU IDENTIFY YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE AS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, OR IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A REDACTED COPY AS REQUIRED, THE STATE MAY, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, DETERMINE YOUR BID OR PROPOSAL NONRESPONSIVE AND INELIGIBLE FOR AWARD.
(b) By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror agrees to the public disclosure of every page, or portion thereof, of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page, or portion thereof, was redacted and conspicuously marked "Trade Secret" or "Confidential" or "Protected", (2) agrees that any information not redacted and marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure.
(c) If your offer includes any information that you claim is exempt from public disclosure, you must submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). Except for the information removed or concealed, the redacted copy must be identical to your original offer.
(d) Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not redact the entire page. The redacted copy must reflect the same pagination as the original and show the empty space from which information was redacted. The Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print the redacted copy without a password. If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the State may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive.
(e) On the redacted copy, you must identify the basis of your claim by marking each redaction as follows: You must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure because it is either (1) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, or (2) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. You must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure as a trade secret pursuant to Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. You must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 11-35- 1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text.
(f) In determining whether to release documents, the State will detrimentally rely on your redaction and marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". By submitting a response, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of South Carolina, its agencies, officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from withholding information by the State of South Carolina or any of its agencies, that you have redacted or marked as "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.) [02-2A125-3]

SUBMISSION OF OFFER (FMU – JUNE 2022): By Submission of an offer, you are guaranteeing that all goods and/or services meet the requirements of the bid during the contract period.

TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES (JAN 2008): Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, a taxpayer having a contract with this State who subcontracts with a socially and economically disadvantaged small business is eligible for an income tax credit equal to four percent of the payments to that subcontractor for work pursuant to the contract. The subcontractor must be certified as a socially and economically disadvantaged small business as defined in Section 11-35-5010 and regulations pursuant to it. The credit is limited to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars annually. A taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for ten consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the first payment is made to the subcontractor that qualifies for the credit. After the above ten consecutive taxable years, the taxpayer is no longer eligible for the credit. A taxpayer claiming the credit shall maintain evidence of work performed for the contract by the subcontractor. The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, "Minority Business Credit." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor's income tax return. Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to: SC Department of Revenue, Research and

Review, Phone: (803) 898-5786, Fax: (803) 898-5888. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to: Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance, Phone: (803) 734-0657, Fax: (803) 734-2498. [02-2A135-1]

VENDOR REGISTRATION MANDATORY (JAN 2006): You must have a state vendor number to be eligible to submit an offer. To obtain a state vendor number, visit www.procurement.sc.govvisit www.procurement.sc.gov and select New Vendor Registration. (To determine if your business is already registered, go to “Vendor Search”). Upon registration, you will be assigned a state vendor number. Vendors must keep their vendor information current. If you are already registered, you can update your information by selecting Change Vendor Registration. (Please note that vendor registration does not substitute for any obligation to register with the S.C. Secretary of State or S.C. Department of Revenue. You can register with the agencies at http://www.scbos.com/default.htm) [02-2A145-1]

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER (JAN 2004): 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. [02-2A150-1]

II. Instructions to Offerors

B. Special Instructions

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY WILL NOT ACCEPT FAXED OR EMAILED QUOTATIONS

CLARIFICATION (FMU – JUNE 2022): Pursuant to Section 11-35-1520(8), the Purchasing Officer may elect to communicate with you after opening for the purpose of clarifying either your offer or the requirements of the solicitation. Such communications may be conducted only with offerors who have submitted an offer which obviously conforms in all material aspects to the solicitation. Clarification of an offer must be documented in writing and included with the offer. Clarifications may not be used to revise an offer or the solicitation.

MAIL PICKUP (FMU- October 2024)
Francis Marion University picks up all mail from The US Postal Service once daily around 8:30 a.m. (excluding weekends and holidays). See provision entitled Deadline for Submission of Offer. [02-2B080-1]

OFFERING BY ITEM (JAN 2006): Offers may be submitted for one or more items.

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. 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)] [02-2B111-1]

PREFERENCES - RESIDENT CONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): To qualify for the RCP, 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, at the time you submit your bid, directly employ, or have a documented commitment with, individuals domiciled in South Carolina that will perform services expressly required by the solicitation and your total direct labor cost for those individuals to provide those services must exceed fifty percent of your total bid price. [11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)] Upon request by the procurement officer, you must identify the persons domiciled in South Carolina that will perform the services involved in the procurement upon which you rely in qualifying for the preference, the services those individuals are to perform, and documentation of the your labor cost for each person identified. If requested, your failure to provide this information promptly will be grounds to deny the preference (and, potentially, for other enforcement action). [02-2B113A-1]

PREFERENCES - RESIDENT SUBCONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): To qualify for this preference, You must meet the following requirements. (1) You must -- at the time you submit your bid -- have a documented commitment from a single proposed first tier subcontractor to perform some portion of the services expressly required by the solicitation. (2) The subcontractor -- at the time you submit your bid -- must directly employ, or have a documented commitment with, individuals domiciled in South Carolina that will perform services expressly required by the solicitation and the total direct labor cost to the subcontractor for those individuals to provide those services exceeds, as applicable, either twenty percent or forty percent of bidder’s total bid price. (3) You must identify the subcontractor that will perform the work, the work the subcontractor is to perform, and your factual basis for concluding that the subcontractor’s work constitutes the required percentage of the work to be performed in the procurement. [11-35-1524(D)] You can stack this preference, i.e., earn another 2% or 4% preference for each additional qualifying subcontractor, but the preference is capped. [11-35-1524(D)(4), (E)(7)] Upon request by the procurement officer, you must identify the persons domiciled in South Carolina that are to perform the services involved in the procurement upon which you rely in qualifying for the preference, the services those individuals are to perform, the employer of those persons, your relationship with the employer, and documentation of the subcontractor’s labor cost for each person identified. If requested, your failure to provide this information promptly will be grounds to deny the preference (and, potentially, for other enforcement action). YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE PREFERENCE UNLESS YOU SPECIFY WHETHER YOUR ARE CLAIMING THE 2% OR 4% PREFERENCE AND YOU PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ITEM (3) ABOVE. [02-2B113B-1]

PROTEST - CPO - MMO ADDRESS (JUN 2006): Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing
(a) by email to protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us ,
(b) by facsimile at 803-737-0639 , or
(c) by post or delivery to 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201. [02-2B122-1]

III. Scope of Work/Specifications

SCOPE OF WORK

The University is seeking contractors to provide charter bus service for the University's Athletic Teams (see section VIII. Bidding Schedule/Price-Business Proposal for team listings and planned schedule of games). Each successful Contractor shall furnish all buses, drivers, fuel, maintenance, and materials necessary for the trip. Travel will include departure from Florence (the University campus) to the destination(s) listed on the Bidding Schedule and returning to the University campus unless otherwise noted. Exact departure times shall be coordinated with the University Travel Coordinator in charge for each team as denoted on the attached Bidding Schedule.

These specifications describe standards of service for travel of FMU students and personnel by bus transportation. These standards are intended to apply to all buses used for chartered bus transportation. The following requirements represent a minimum imposed by the University and these requirements, in no way, restrict the offeror from proposing additional or increased features.

Federal, State, University, and or NCAA regulations may change impacting social distancing and other safety standards. Groups impacted may include the athletics teams which would be transported as a result of an award(s) of this Invitation for Bid. In the event that a change in regulation takes place, an awarded contractor must notify the University immediately that it can meet or exceed the updated regulations. If an awarded vendor cannot meet or exceed a regulation, it must notify the University. No charge or penalty can be levied upon the University due to the cancellation of service if it can no longer meet the requirements of an added or changed regulation. No charge or penalty can be levied upon the University if Federal, State, University, and or NCAA regulations result in required cancellation of a trip or trips.

SPECIFICATIONS

A. Buses

- Bus manufacture date shall not be older than fifteen (15) years.
- Buses shall meet or exceed all applicable State and Federal Motor Vehicle standards.
- Buses shall be equipped in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations and safety standards.
- Passenger access to WIFI and power jacks preferred.
- Buses shall be capable of transporting at a minimum, the number of persons indicated for the trip **WITH ability to store equipment and passenger gear** as needed for stated number of persons on trip.
- All buses shall be in good mechanical condition and be capable of transporting the minimum number of passengers as noted for each trip.
- For buses with restrooms, restrooms shall be well maintained, clean, and well lighted.
- Overhead rack space or space in back of the bus will be provided for coats, hats, etc.
- **Temperature Control**: Where required for the comfort of passengers, buses will be equipped with air conditioning and heating units. The interior temperature of the bus will be controlled to ensure passenger comfort at all times regardless of seasonal weather conditions.
- **Seat Specifications**: Passenger seats will be upholstered with foam rubber or other material providing equivalent comfort that has not shifted or is excessively worn and will prevent contact with structural parts of the seat bottom or back. Seats with shifted or excessively worn cushioning will not be acceptable, even if the seats otherwise meet the requirements herein.
- **Cleanliness and Serviceability of Equipment**: Prior to departure of equipment from garaging point, buses will be serviced so as to be in proper operating condition. Interior and exterior will be thoroughly cleaned.
- **Inspection:** The University reserves the right to inspect equipment prior to award.

B. Statutory Requirements

- Rules and regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Department of Transportation, and State regulatory and supervisory agencies governing the safety of public motor transportation operations, condition of equipment, proficiency of operators and maintenance crews, and first aid requirements will be complied with at all times.
- Offeror shall pay and maintain all licenses, permits, taxes, etc. which are or may be required by any and all regulatory authorities for the performance and satisfaction of this contract. Rules and regulations of all local, state and federal authorities which govern the safety of public transportation operations, equipment condition, proficiency of operators and maintenance personnel, and first aid requirements are to be complied with at all times.

- Offeror must have and maintain a rating of "Satisfactory" through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

C. Insurance

- Contractor must carry a mandated minimum of $5,000,000 of insurance coverage in accordance with the United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations. Contractor must stay apprised of and abide by current mandatory minimum of insurance coverage requirements by Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations. Contractor must also comply with the Insurance documentation requirements listed under the Insurance Section later in this document entitled Contractor's Liability Insurance. Prior to commencement of the work, contractor shall provide to the University a signed, original certificate of liability insurance (ACORD 25) as denoted in the Contractor's Liability Insurance subsection. **This certificate must come directly from the insurance agency.**

D. Drivers

- Drivers shall be employed by the Contractor and dressed in uniform that identifies the company and driver.
- Contractor shall provide drivers who shall be fully qualified to operate the equipment and licensed accordingly as per all Federal, State, local and U.S. Department of Transportation laws, rules and regulations. Contractor must stay apprised of and abide by current statutory requirements for all drivers.
- FMU is a smoke free campus. No smoking will be allowed on the bus or on the University campus.
- Drivers shall not eat, drink, smoke, read (including road maps or trip itineraries), write in log books, wear a headset/listening device, send or receive text messages, use a cell phone, or utilize a Bluetooth or other wireless phone device while operating the vehicle except in the event of a bona fide emergency. In all instances, drivers are expected to pull off the road before engaging in such activities.
- Drivers shall not, under any circumstance, pick up any passengers during the trip that are not part of the University's approved travel group.
- Drivers shall have prior knowledge of the trip itinerary and have a route planned. If the bus is equipped with an installed radio communication system or GPS or other navigation system, drivers trained in its safe operation may use such equipment in accordance with company policy.
- Drivers shall be knowledgeable of preventive measures to keep inclement weather from adversely affecting scheduled trip.
- **Food and Lodging for Driver: The cost of meals and overnight lodging for the driver is the responsibility of the Contractor.**
- **Additional Driver:** Due to the length of time required for travel on some trips, a second driver may need to be provided to be in compliance with current US DOT hours of service rules. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requires that a driver may drive a maximum of 10 hours after 8 consecutive hours off duty. Drivers may not drive after having been on duty for 15 hours, following 8 consecutive hours off duty. Off-duty time is not included in the 15-hour period. **Contractor must stay apprised of and abide by current statutory requirements**, and offer must include for relief of drivers if needed and/or required by law.

E. Routing/Scheduling

- All trip mileage charges shall begin and end at the University's location.
- **Departure Time –** Departure/Return times listed on the Bidding Schedule are estimates. Final scheduling for departure times and pick-up locations are the responsibility of the carrier, and should be made with the University Travel Coordinator.
- **Arrival Time and Punctuality -** Punctuality and bus availability are vitally important (for instance, Athletic teams must not be late or absent from scheduled events due to NCAA regulations). Contractor shall arrive on the University's campus no later than one (1) hour ***prior to*** the departure time listed on the Bidding Schedule.
- University shall provide the Contractor with an updated itinerary if a change is necessary, at a minimum of 24 hours before the departure date and time noted in this solicitation, unless the travel has been mandated in a change of schedule for reason out of the University's control.
- Contractor shall forward a copy of the trip map route 24 hours in advance to the University Travel Coordinator in charge for each event.

- Contractor will notify University Travel Coordinator of availability of WIFI access, power charging ports, and all other amenities available on specific bus assigned for trip.
- Trips in excess of 200 miles from the University will be by the most direct route to destination to eliminate unnecessary road time. All return trips are straight through from place of departure.
- Contractor shall include local travel at destinations listed within this solicitation (i.e. from the hotel to the restaurant, convention center, etc.). Contractor must transport groups to and from meals, and other locations as necessary.
- **Athletic Events**:
  - Athletic Events are subject to change based on schedule changes or inclement weather and may require a change in schedule or cancellation of scheduled trip. Any change will be provided as soon as information becomes available to University person in charge.
  - **Contractor shall include local travel at each of the athletic competitions listed within this solicitation (i.e. from the hotel to the stadium, restaurant, etc). Contractor must transport teams to and from meals, practices, and competitions as necessary.**

F. Briefing of Passengers

- Contractor will brief University Travel Coordinator in charge regarding route to be followed, stops in route and other service items. The University reserves the right to request changes, within reason, to the itinerary.
- During the movement, the University Travel Coordinator in charge will be briefed concerning irregular events that occur and all reasons for delays or other interruptions to movement.

G. Cancellation by the University.

- Trip cancellations are not anticipated, but are nevertheless possible. Any cancellation notice will be provided as soon as information becomes available to University person in charge. Should the University be required to cancel a trip with the Contractor, no penalty will be applied.

H. Approved Persons Only.

- Only the approved Contractor driver and University personnel and students are allowed on the buses during travel, unless an additional relief driver is required by law, which will require disclosure to the University.

I. Subcontractors

- Contractor shall not subcontract coach bus service with another carrier under the terms of this contract or otherwise assign this contract unless approval is obtained from FMU Purchasing Office during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm by calling (843) 661-1160. If mechanical breakdown occurs outside of normal business hours during travel, the University Travel Coordinator(s) shall have authority to approve use of subcontractor occurring outside of normal business hours.

J. Standards of Service.

- **General**
  The standards of service prescribed herein are a minimum and apply to all buses used under this procurement. In emergency situations carriers will endeavor to comply with the prescribed standards, as the circumstances permit.

- **Departure Time**
  Departure times and Returning times listed under Section VIII. (Bidding Schedule/Price-Business Proposal) are estimates. Final scheduling for departure times and pick-up locations are the responsibility of the carrier, and should be made with the University Contact, Mr. Quin Monahanat (843) 661-1237, or the University Contact's designee for that specific trip.

- **Arrival Time and Punctuality**
  Punctuality and motor coach availability are vitally important, as athletic teams must not be late or absent from scheduled events due to NCAA regulations. The Contractor shall arrive on the University's campus no later than one (1) hour prior to the departure time prescribed on the provided itinerary.

- **Baggage -** It is the responsibility of the carrier to properly load, unload and secure all baggage and to insure that baggage compartment doors are properly secured. FMU personnel are responsible for unloading impediments (for instance: athletic equipment, etc.) as distinguished from personal baggage.
- **Mechanical Breakdowns -** Contractor must have sufficient fleet to compensate for mechanical breakdowns. Should mechanical breakdown or accident prevent continuation of trip with the original equipment, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to provide alternate transportation that meets the specifications as outlined in this solicitation and make every reasonable effort to maintain original schedule. The procedures in place for roadside emergencies may be requested for evaluation purposes. Failure to provide procedure(s) upon request may result in rejection of your offer.

- **Inspection -** The University reserves the right to inspect and reject all vehicles used in executing this contract. Such inspection may include a review of State required maintenance records, safety equipment, tires, glass, general appearance and cleanliness, and any other area that could affect the safety and comfort of passengers. Inspection will also include observance of the Contractor's procedures for compliance with the stated Standards of Service and other stated Specifications. Material deficiencies shall result in a written cure notice or, at the determination of the University, may result in the immediate termination of the contract or reduction in the total contract price of up to twenty (20%) of the trip in question.

The University will:

A. Provide a designee to coordinate all departure time and location for pickup.

B. Provide an adequate parking site for departure.

Offeror must comply with the following and any attached specifications in providing the goods or services defined herein.

See Section VIII BIDDING SCHEDULE / PRICE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL for listing of items the University is seeking to procure.

At a later date for purposes of social distancing or in the event of changed regulations (see Section III Scope of Work), the University may require a different capacity vehicle, or require additional vehicle(s) for the capacities which are requested to be quoted for any or all of the trips listed in Section VIII Bidding Schedule / Price Business Proposal. In the event that an awarded trip requires a different capacity vehicle, or requires additional vehicle(s) for a trip or trips, the awarded vendor will be contacted with the updated capacity requirement. The awarded vendor will provide available alternatives to the University including any potential change in price. If an alternative is amenable to the University, the University will provide a change order to update for the corrected capacity and cost requirements for that trip or trips. In the event that the awarded vendor cannot provide an available alternative which meets the University's needs, that trip may then be cancelled by the University with no charge or penalty levied by the vendor due to the cancellation of the trip or trips. The University would not be interested in splitting individual trips between multiple vendors. The University would only accept a subcontracted vendor if in compliance with Scope of Work Section III, item I. Subcontractors.

DELIVERY/ PERFORMANCE LOCATION - SPECIFIED (JAN 2006): After award, all deliveries shall be made and all services provided to the following address, unless otherwise specified [03-3030-1]:

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

QUALITY (FMU – JUNE 2022): Bus quality must comply with the requirements and standards as specified in Section III. Scope of Work/Specifications, Part A – "Buses" of this solicitation.

WARRANTY – STANDARD (JAN 2006): Contractor must provide the manufacturer's standard written warranty upon delivery of product. Contractor warrants that manufacturer will honor the standard written warranty provided. [07-7B280-1]

As per the clause "OFFERING BY ITEM (JAN 2006)" listed Section II. Instructions to Offerors, B. Special Instructions: "Offers may be submitted for one or more items."

IV. Information for Offerors to Submit

INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT – GENERAL (MAR 2015): You shall submit a signed Cover Page and Page Two. Your offer should include all other information and documents requested in this part and in parts II.B. Special Instructions; III. Scope of Work; V. Qualifications; VIII. Bidding Schedule/Price Proposal; and any appropriate attachments addressed in Part IX. Attachments to Solicitations. You should submit a summary of all insurance policies you have or plan to acquire to comply with the insurance requirements stated herein, if any, including policy types; coverage types; limits, sub-limits, and deductibles for each policy and coverage type; the carrier's A.M. Best rating; and whether the policy is written on an occurrence or claims-made basis. [04-4010-2]

Offeror is to submit the following:

- **The SIGNED Cover Page and Page Two**
- **Bid Submission from Section VIII. Bidding Schedule**
- **Open Trade Representation Form**
- **Vendor Application Form**
- **W-9 Form**
- **Non-Resident Taxpayer Form (if applicable)**
- **Drug Free Workplace Act Affidavit**

With the offeror's bid, offeror shall submit the protocols required of its client's passengers on the offeror's buses. Excessively restrictive passenger requirements (i.e. requirements far exceeding CDC recommendations and other guidelines) may render the offeror's bid non-responsible.

Offeror must provide the following information for all buses offered in response to this solicitation:

Passenger Capacity	License Plate #	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Manufactured Date	Date Vehicle Last Passed Complete Vehicle Mechanical Inspection

1. **If the travel will cross State lines, offeror must include with bid response proof of current operating authority from the Federal Highway Administration.**
   - **Offeror must provide USDOT Company Snapshot showing Interstate/Intrastate status.**
2. **Offeror must provide with bid response offeror's most recent Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration report.**
3. **Carrier's USDOT Identification Number: _____.**
4. **Carrier's Federal Motor Carrier MC Identification Number: _____.**
5. **Vehicle Inspection:** Have all buses to be utilized for this contract passed a complete mechanical inspection within the previous twelve (12) months? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐. If requested, contractor must provide a copy of mechanical inspection records for review.

NOTE: Offeror must carry the mandated minimum (currently $5,000,000) of insurance coverage in accordance with the United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations. Offeror must comply with the Insurance documentation requirements listed under Section VII. (Terms & Conditions – B. Special) under the subsection entitled Contractor's Liability Insurance. **Prior to commencement of the work, contractor shall provide to the University a signed, original certificate of liability insurance (ACORD 25) as denoted in the Contractor's Liability Insurance subsection. This certificate must come directly from the insurance agency.**

DISCLOSURE OF YOUR BID / PROPOSAL & SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL DATA (FEB 2021): (a) According to Section 11-35-410, any person submitting a document in response or with regard to any solicitation or other request must "comply with instructions provided in the solicitation for marking information exempt from public disclosure. Information not marked as required by the applicable instructions may be disclosed to the public." IF YOU IDENTIFY YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE AS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, OR IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A REDACTED COPY AS REQUIRED, THE STATE MAY, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, DETERMINE YOUR BID OR PROPOSAL NONRESPONSIVE AND INELIGIBLE FOR AWARD. (b) By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror agrees to the public disclosure of every page, or portion thereof, of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page, or portion thereof, was redacted and conspicuously marked "Trade Secret" or "Confidential" or "Protected", (2) agrees that any information not redacted and marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. (c) If your offer includes any information that you claim is exempt from public disclosure, you must submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). Except for the information removed or concealed, the redacted copy must be identical to your original offer. (d) Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not redact the entire page. The redacted copy must reflect the same pagination as the original and show the empty space from which information was redacted. The Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print the redacted copy without a password. If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the State may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. (e) On the redacted copy, you must identify the basis of your claim by marking each redaction as follows: You must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure because it is either (1) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, or (2) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. You must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure as a trade secret pursuant to Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. You must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 11-35- 1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. (f) In determining whether to release documents, the State will detrimentally rely on your redaction and marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". By submitting a response, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of South Carolina, its agencies, officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from withholding information by the State of South Carolina or any of its agencies, that you have redacted or marked as "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.) [02-2A125-3]

V. Qualifications

QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR (MAR 2015): (1) To be eligible for award, you must have the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance. We may also consider a documented commitment from a satisfactory source that will provide you with a capability. We may consider information from any source at any time prior to award. We may elect to consider (i) key personnel, any predecessor business, and any key personnel of any predecessor business, including any facts arising prior to the date a business was established, and/or (ii) any subcontractor you identify. (2) You must promptly furnish satisfactory evidence of responsibility upon request. Unreasonable failure to supply requested information is grounds for rejection. (3) **Corporate subsidiaries are cautioned that the financial capability of an affiliated or parent company will not be considered in determining financial capability**; however, we may elect to consider any security, e.g., letter of credit, performance bond, parent-company corporate guaranty, that you offer to provide Instructions and forms to help assure acceptability are posted on procurement.sc.gov, link to “Standard Clauses & Provisions.” [05-5005-2]

QUALIFICATIONS - SPECIAL STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY (MAR 2015): (a) This section establishes special standards of responsibility. UNLESS YOU POSSESS THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, DO NOT SUBMIT AN OFFER:

(b) Provide a detailed, narrative statement with adequate information to establish that you meet all the requirements stated in subparagraph (a) above. Include all appropriate documentation. If you intend for us to consider the qualifications of your key personnel, predecessor business(es), or subcontractor(s), explain the relationship between you and such person or entity. [R. 19-445.2125(F)] [05-5010-2]

VI. Award Criteria

AWARD BY LOT (FMU 2026): Award will be made by complete lot(s). Failure to offer on all items within a single lot may be reason for rejection.

AWARD CRITERIA – BIDS (JAN 2006): Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s). [06-6020-1]

AWARD TO MULTIPLE OFFERORS (JAN 2006): Award may be made to more than one Offeror. [06-6035-1]

COMPETITION FROM PUBLIC ENTITIES (JAN 2006): If a South Carolina governmental entity submits an offer, the Purchasing Officer will, when determining the lowest offer, add to the price provided in any offers submitted by nongovernmental entities a percentage equivalent to any applicable sales or use tax. S.C. Code Ann. Regs 117-304.1 (Supp. 2004). [06-6057-1]

UNIT PRICE GOVERNS (JAN 2006): In determining award, unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated. [06-6075-1]

VII. Terms and Conditions

A. General

ASSIGNMENT, NOVATION, AND CHANGE OF NAME, IDENTITY, OR STRUCTURE (FEB 2015): (a) Contractor shall not assign this contract, or its rights, obligations, or any other interest arising from this contract, or delegate any of its performance obligations, without the express written consent of the responsible procurement officer. The foregoing restriction does not apply to a transfer that occurs by operation of law (e.g., bankruptcy; corporate reorganizations and consolidations, but not including partial asset sales). Notwithstanding the foregoing, contractor may assign monies receivable under the contract provided that the state shall have no obligation to make payment to an assignee until thirty days after contractor (not the assignee) has provided the responsible procurement officer with (i) proof of the assignment, (ii) the identity (by contract number) of the specific state contract to which the assignment applies, and (iii) the name of the assignee and the exact address or account information to which assigned payments should be made. (b) If contractor amends, modifies, or otherwise changes its name, its identity (including its trade name), or its corporate, partnership or other structure, or its FEIN, contractor shall provide the procurement officer prompt written notice of such change. (c) Any name change, transfer, assignment, or novation is subject to the conditions and approval required by Regulation 19-445.2180, which does not restrict transfers by operation of law. [07-7A004-2]

BANKRUPTCY - GENERAL (FEB 2015): (a) Notice. In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to the Using

Governmental Unit. This notification shall be furnished within two (2) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all State contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the State upon the contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy. [07-7A005-2]

CHOICE-OF-LAW (JAN 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. [07-7A010-1]

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE (FEB 2015): (a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Purchasing Officer, (2) the solicitation, as amended, (3) documentation of clarifications [11-35-1520(8)] or discussions [11-35-1530(6)] of an offer, if applicable, (4) your offer, (5) any statement reflecting the state's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (6) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complimentary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above.
(b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (5) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in any other document, including without limitation, (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the State, (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor, or (iii) any privacy policy, terms of use, or end user agreement. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect.
(c) No contract, license, or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions will be signed by any Using Governmental Unit. Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Purchasing Officer shall be void and of no effect. [07-7A015-2]

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (JAN 2006): (a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the offeror. As an alternative to offering a discount for prompt payment in conjunction with the offer, offerors awarded contracts may include discounts for prompt payment on individual invoices. (b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. If the Contractor has not placed a date on the invoice, the due date shall be calculated from the date the designated billing office receives a proper invoice, provided the state annotates such invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or, for an electronic funds transfer, the specified payment date. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day. [07-7A020-1]

DISPUTES (JAN 2006): (1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Richland County, State of South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by the government regarding the Agreement is not a waiver of either the government's sovereign immunity or the government's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United States Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided as the Notice Address on Page Two or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail. [07-7A025-1]

EFT INFORMATION (FEB 2021): The Contractor must furnish to the State Treasurer's Office information necessary for making a payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT). You may do this by completing STO Form 4 and filing it with the STO. Additional information is available at the STO's website at https://treasurer.sc.gov (.) The Contractor is responsible for the currency, accuracy and completeness of the EFT information. Updating EFT information may not be used to accomplish an assignment of the right to payment, does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract, and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document. [07-7A027-1]

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (JAN 2006): Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference. [07-7A030-1]

FALSE CLAIMS (JAN 2006): According to the S.C. Code of Laws Section 16-13-240, “a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty” of a crime. [07-7A035-1]

FIXED PRICING REQUIRED (JAN 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. [07-7A040-1]

NO INDEMNITY OR DEFENSE (FEB 2015): Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify, defend, or pay attorney’s fees to anyone for any reason. [07-7A045-2]

NOTICE (JAN 2006): (A) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the recipient’s device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail, if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used. (B) Notice to contractor shall be to the address identified as the Notice Address on Page Two. Notice to the state shall be to the Procurement Officer’s address on the Cover Page. Either party may designate a different address for notice by giving notice in accordance with this paragraph. [07-7A050-1]

OPEN TRADE (JUN 2015): During the contract term, including any renewals or extensions, Contractor will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300. [07-7A053-1]

PAYMENT & INTEREST (FEB 2021): (a) The State shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified herein, including the purchase order, payment shall not be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government. (b) Unless otherwise provided herein, including the purchase order, payment will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). See clause titled " EFT Information." (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, payment shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section 11-35-45, or Chapter 6 of Title 29 (real property improvements) when applicable, which provides the Contractor’s exclusive means of recovering any type of interest from the Owner. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is applicable. Except as set forth in this paragraph, the State shall not be liable for the payment of interest on any debt or claim arising out of or related to this contract for any reason. (d) Amounts due to the State shall bear interest at the rate of interest established by the South Carolina Comptroller General pursuant to Section 11-35-45 (“an amount not to exceed fifteen percent each year”), as amended, unless otherwise required by Section 29-6-30. (e) Any other basis for interest, including but not limited to general (pre- and post-judgment) or specific interest statutes, including S.C. Code Ann. Section 34-31-20, are expressly waived by both parties. If a court, despite this agreement and waiver, requires that interest be paid on any debt by either party other than as provided by items (c) and (d) above, the parties further agree that the applicable interest rate for any given calendar year shall be the lowest prime rate as listed in the first edition of the Wall Street Journal published for each year, applied as simple interest without compounding. (f) The State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. [07-7A055-4]

PUBLICITY (JAN 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. [07-7A060-1]

PURCHASE ORDERS (JAN 2006): Contractor shall not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the using governmental unit. The using governmental unit shall order any supplies or services to be furnished under this contract by issuing a purchase order. Purchase orders may be used to elect any options available under this contract, e.g., quantity, item, delivery date, payment method, but are subject to all terms and conditions of this contract. Purchase orders may be electronic. No particular form is required. An order placed pursuant to the purchasing card provision qualifies as a purchase order. [07-7A065-1]

SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS (JAN 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. [07-7A075-1]

TAXES (JAN 2006): Any tax the contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by the State, and such sums shall be due and payable to the contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by the State. It shall be solely the State’s obligation, after payment to contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by the State to

contractor, contractor shall be liable to the State for any loss (such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor. [07-7A080-1]

TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS (JAN 2006): Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled. In the event of a cancellation pursuant to this paragraph, contractor will be reimbursed the resulting unamortized, reasonably incurred, nonrecurring costs. Contractor will not be reimbursed any costs amortized beyond the initial contract term. [07-7A085-1]

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY (JAN 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. [07-7A090-1]

WAIVER (JAN 2006): The State does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the Procurement Officer has actual authority to waive any of the State's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing. [07-7A095-1]

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ADDITIONS/DELETIONS (FMU – JUNE 2022): The University shall have the right to make additions to and /or deletions from the contract as necessary. Any change orders to the contract must be communicated in writing between the contractor and the University Purchasing office and must be approved by the State Materials Management Office prior to implementation.

BANKRUPTCY – GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (FEB 2015): (a) All government information (as defined in the clause herein entitled "Information Security - Definitions") shall belong exclusively to the State, and Contractor has no legal or equitable interest in, or claim to, such information. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that in the event Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, government information in its possession and/or under its control will not be considered property of its bankruptcy estate.
(b) Contractor agrees to notify the State within forty- eight (48) hours of any determination that it makes to file for bankruptcy protection, and Contractor further agrees to turn over to the State, before such filing, all government information that is in Contractor's possession in a format that can be readily utilized by the State.
(c) In order to protect the integrity and availability of government information, Contractor shall take reasonable measures to evaluate and monitor the financial circumstances of any subcontractor that will process, store, transmit or access government information. [07-7B007-1]

CHANGES (JAN 2006): (1) Contract Modification. By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Procurement Officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:
(a) drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the [State] in accordance therewith;
(b) method of shipment or packing;
(c) place of delivery;
(d) description of services to be performed;
(e) time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); or,
(f) place of performance of the services. Subparagraphs (a) to (c) apply only if supplies are furnished under this contract. Subparagraphs (d) to (f) apply only if services are performed under this contract.
(2) Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance. If any such change increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the State promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.

(3) Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written contract modification under Paragraph (1) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment. Later notification shall not bar the contractor's claim unless the State is prejudiced by the delay in notification. (4) Claim Barred After Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract. [07-7B025-1]

CHEMICALS AND OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (FMU – JUNE 2022): Chemicals and other hazardous materials will be properly labeled and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) will be provided when shipping such materials to the University. Vendors are required to send updated MSDS sheets when properties of materials are changed and/or physical and health instructions become different.

CISG (JAN 2006): The parties expressly agree that the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to this agreement. [07-7B030-1]

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS (JAN 2006): During the term of the contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs. [07-7B035-1]

CONFERENCE – PRE-PERFORMANCE (JAN 2006): Unless waived by the Purchasing Officer, a preperformance conference between the contractor, state and Purchasing Officer shall be held at a location selected by the state within five (5) days after final award, and prior to commencement of work under the contract. The responsibilities of all parties involved will be discussed to assure a meeting of the minds of all concerned. The successful contractor or his duly authorized representative shall be required to attend at contractor's expense. [07-7B040-1]

- *The University is amenable to discussing next steps via phone or e-mail, and thus, the requirement that this meeting be held in person is waived.*

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION (FMU – JUNE 2022): Questions or problems arising after award of this contract shall be directed to Francis Marion University, Director of Purchasing, PO Box 100547, Florence, SC 29502.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS & CHANGE ORDERS: Any change orders, alterations, amendments or other modifications hereunder shall not be effective unless reduced to writing and approved by the buyer responsible for this solicitation and the contractor. All questions, problems or changes arising after award of this contract shall be directed to the buyer responsible for this solicitation, at the phone number and address shown on the cover page

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE (FEB 2015): (a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Officer, (2) the solicitation, as amended, (3) documentation of clarifications [11-35-1520(8)] or discussions [11-35-1530(6)] of an offer, if applicable, (4) your offer, (5) any statement reflecting the State's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (6) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (5) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in any other document, including without limitation, (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the State, (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor, or (iii) any privacy policy, terms of use, or end user agreement. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) No contract, license, or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions will be signed by any Using Governmental Unit. Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect. [07-7A015-2]

CONTRACT LIMITATIONS (JAN 2006): No sales may be made pursuant to this contract for any item or service that is not expressly listed. No sales may be made pursuant to this contract after expiration of this contract. Violation of this provision may result in termination of this contract and may subject contractor to suspension or debarment. [07-7B045-1]

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE - GENERAL (FEB 2015)
(a) Without limiting any of the obligations or liabilities of Contractor, Contractor shall procure from a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina and with a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII, and maintain for the duration of the contract, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work and the results of that work by the contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.
(b) Coverage shall be at least as broad as:
(1) Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 12 07 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products- completed operations, personal and advertising injury, with limits no less than $1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. This contract shall be considered to be an "insured contract" as defined in the policy.
(2) Auto Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

(3) Worker's Compensation: As required by the State of South Carolina, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.
(c) Every applicable Using Governmental Unit, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them, must be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used.
(d) For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the State, every applicable Using Governmental Unit, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the State, every applicable Using Governmental Unit, or the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them, shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
(e) Prior to commencement of the work, the Contractor shall furnish the State with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this section. All certificates are to be received and approved by the State before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The State reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by this section, at any time.
(f) Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. In addition, the Contractor shall notify the State immediately upon receiving any information that any of the coverages required by this section are or will be changed, cancelled, or replaced.
(g) Contractor hereby grants to the State and every applicable Using Governmental Unit a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the State or applicable Using Governmental Unit by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the State or Using Governmental Unit has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
(h) Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the State. The State may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.
(i) The State reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances. [07-7B056-2]

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 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. [07-7B060-1]

CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION – GENERAL (JAN 2006): The contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, tools, equipment, labor and professional and non- professional services, and shall perform all other acts and supply all other things necessary, to fully and properly perform and complete the work. The contractor must act as the prime contractor and assume full responsibility for any subcontractor's performance. The contractor will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all situations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all other requirements. [07-7B065-1]

DEFAULT (JAN 2006): (a) (1) The State may, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to:
(i) Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension;
(ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause); or
(iii) Perform any of the other material provisions of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause).
(2) The State's right to terminate this contract under subdivisions (a)(1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this clause, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Procurement Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Procurement Officer specifying the failure.
(b) If the State terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Procurement Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the State for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.
(c) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.
(d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.
(e) If this contract is terminated for default, the State may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State, as directed by the Procurement Officer, any (1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this

clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the State has an interest.
(f) The State shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Procurement Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property; if the parties fail to agree, the Procurement Officer shall set an amount subject to the Contractor's rights under the Disputes clause. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The State may withhold from these amounts any sum the Procurement Officer determines to be necessary to protect the State against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.
(g) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the State, be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the State. If, in the foregoing circumstances, this contract does not contain a clause providing for termination for convenience of the State, the contract shall be adjusted to compensate for such termination and the contract modified accordingly subject to the contractor's rights under the Disputes clause.
(h) The rights and remedies of the State in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract. [07-7B075-1]

FORCE MAJURE (FMU – JUNE 2022): (a) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.
(b) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (NOV 2008): (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14. [07-7B097-1]

INDEMNIFICATION- THIRD PARTY CLAIMS – GENERAL (NOV 2011): Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend and hold harmless Indemnitees for and against any and all suits or claims of any character (and all related damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities) by a third party which are attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property arising out of or in connection with the goods or services acquired hereunder or caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of contractor, its subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants, agents, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not caused in part by an Indemnitee, and whether or not such claims are made by a third party or an Indemnitee; however, if an Indemnitee's negligent act or omission is subsequently determined to be the sole proximate cause of a suit or claim, the Indemnitee shall not be entitled to indemnification hereunder. Contractor shall be given timely written notice of any suit or claim. Contractor's obligations hereunder are in no way limited by any protection afforded under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts. This clause shall not negate, abridge, or reduce any other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination, cancelation, or expiration of the parties' agreement. This provision shall be construed fairly and reasonably, neither strongly for nor against either party, and without regard to any clause regarding insurance. As used in this clause, "Indemnitees" means the State of South Carolina, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees.[07-7B100-2]

INFORMATION USE AND DISCLOSURE – STANDARDS (FEB 2015): To the extent applicable:
(a) Breach of security of state agency data; notification; rights and remedies of injured parties; penalties; notification of Consumer Protection Division, S.C. Code Ann. Section 1-11-490.
(b) South Carolina Financial Identity Fraud and Identity Theft Protection Act (FIFITPA), 2008 Act 190, as amended. Solely for purposes of Section 39-1-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, Contractor is deemed to be the owner of government information, as defined herein, and Contractor agrees that the Using Governmental Unit is not a licensee.
(c) The South Carolina Family Privacy Protection Act of 2002, S.C. Code Ann. Sections 30-2-10, et seq.

(d) Personal Identifying Information Privacy Protection, S.C. Code Ann. Sections 30-2-310 et seq.
(e) Data Breach Notification, 2014 Act No. 286, Section 117.117, as revised in any future annual appropriations act. [07-7B110-1]

LICENSES AND PERMITS (JAN 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. [07-7B115-1]

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY – SINGLE AGENCY (JAN 2020): (1) Contractor's liability for damages to the Using Governmental Unit shall not exceed [a dollar amount].
(2) The parties waive claims against each other for (i) exemplary or punitive damages and (ii) special or consequential damages.
(3) The foregoing limitations shall not apply: (a) to claims for physical damage to real or tangible personal property, (b) to claims regarding bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, (c) to claims arising from reckless or intentional misconduct, (d) to amounts due or obligations under a clause (regardless of how named) providing for liquidated damages, or if such a clause is ruled unenforceable as a penalty, (e) to amounts due or obligations under the following clauses, if included: (i) Indemnification-Third Party Claims-General, (ii) Indemnification-Third Party Claims-Disclosure of Information, (iii) Indemnification-Intellectual Property, (iv) Information Security–Safeguarding Requirements, (v) Information Security-Location of Data, (vi) Information Use and Disclosure–Standards, or (vii) Service Provider Security Representations; (f) to amounts due or obligations under a clause imposing a duty to defend or indemnify, or (g) to any loss or claim to the extent the loss or claim is covered by a policy of insurance maintained, or required by this contract to be maintained, by contractor.
(4) The absence in any subcontract of a similar clause limiting contractor's liability shall not effectively increase the obligation of the Using Governmental Unit beyond what it would have been had the subcontract contained such a clause.
(5) The Using Governmental Unit's liability for damages, if any, shall in no event exceed [a dollar amount]. Nothing herein shall be construed to waive any law or clause regarding the availability or appropriation of funds, sovereign immunity, or any other immunity, restriction, or limitation on payment or recovery provided by law.
(6) The State of South Carolina's total liability for any obligation under any clause imposing any duty of confidentiality or non-disclosure shall not exceed an amount equal to fifty thousand dollars. [07-7B117-1]

MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP (JAN 2006): Unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract, all equipment, material, and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. [07-7B120-1]

OFFSHORE CONTRACTING PROHIBITED (FEB 2015): No part of the resulting contract from this solicitation may be performed offshore of the United States by persons located offshore of the United State or by means, methods, or communications that, in whole or in part, take place offshore of the United States. [07-7B122-1]

OWNERSHIP OF DATA & MATERIALS (JAN 2006): All data, material and documentation prepared for the state pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to the State. [07-7B125-1]
PRICE ADJUSTMENTS (JAN 2006):
(1) Method of Adjustment. Any adjustment in the contract price made pursuant to a clause in this contract shall be consistent with this Contract and shall be arrived at through whichever one of the following ways is the most valid approximation of the actual cost to the Contractor (including profit, if otherwise allowed):
(a) by agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;
(b) by unit prices specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;
(c) by the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the relevant clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as specified in the Contract; or subsequently agreed upon;
(d) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or,
(e) in the absence of agreement by the parties, through a unilateral initial written determination by the Procurement Officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as computed by the Procurement Officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, subject to the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the S.C. Code of Laws.
(2) Submission of Price or Cost Data. Upon request of the Procurement Officer, the contractor shall provide reasonably available factual information to substantiate that the price or cost offered, for any price adjustments is reasonable, consistent with the provisions of Section 11-35-1830. [07-7B160-1]

PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH & THE ENVIRONMENT (FMU – JUNE 2022): The University requires all contractual activities to be in compliance with local, state, and federal mandates concerning "protection of human health and the environment". Any contractor doing business with the University will be required to document compliance and to specify prudent practices used by the contractor to address applicable mandates including, but not restricted to "the hazard communication standard" OSHA CFR 1910.1200 (SCRR article 1,71-1910.1200). By submission of this bid, the vendor agrees to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with these requirements.

PURCHASES FROM OTHER SOURCES (FMU – JUNE 2022): The University's Purchasing Office reserves the right to bid separately any unusual requirements or large quantities of the items specified in this proposed contract (the above does not apply to solicitations for service requirements).

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES (JAN 2006): Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venturer of the other. Neither party has the right or ability to bind the other to any agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party. [07-7B205-1]

RESTRICTIONS ON PRESENTING TERMS OF USE OR OFFERING ADDITIONAL SERVICES (FEB 2015): (a) Citizens, as well as public employees (acting in their individual capacity), should not be unnecessarily required to agree to or provide consent to policies or contractual terms in order to access services acquired by the government pursuant to this contract (hereinafter "applicable services") or, in the case of public employees, to perform their job duties; accordingly, in performing the work, contractor shall not require or invite any citizen or public employee to agree to or provide consent to any end user contract, privacy policy, or other terms of use (hereinafter "terms of use") not previously approved in writing by the procurement officer. Contractor agrees that any terms of use regarding applicable services are void and of no effect. (b) Unless expressly provided in the solicitation, public contracts are not intended to provide contractors an opportunity to market additional products and services; accordingly, in performing the work, contractor shall not – for itself or on behalf of any third party – offer citizens or public employees (other than the procurement officer) any additional products or services not required by the contract. (c) Any reference to contractor in items (a) or (b) also includes any subcontractor at any tier. Contractor is responsible for compliance with these obligations by any person or entity that contractor authorizes to take any action related to the work. (d) Any violation of this clause is a material breach of contract. The parties acknowledge the difficulties inherent in determining the damage from any breach of these restrictions. Contractor shall pay the state liquidated damages of $1,000 for each contact with a citizen or end user that violates this restriction. [07-7B212-1]

SAVE HARMLESS (FMU – JUNE 2022): The successful offeror shall indemnify and save harmless the State of South Carolina and all state officers, agents, and employees, from all suits or claims of any character brought by reason of infringing on any patent, trade mark or copyright. Offeror shall have no liability to the state if such patent; trade mark or copyright infringement or claim is based upon the offeror's use of material furnished to the offeror by the state.

SHIPPING / RISK OF LOSS (JAN 2006): F.O.B. Destination. Destination is the shipping dock of the Using Governmental Units' designated receiving site, or other location, as specified herein. (See Delivery clause) [07-7B220-1]

SUBCONTRACTOR SUBSTITUTION PROHIBITED - RESIDENT SUBCONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): If you receive an award as a result of the subcontractor preference, you may not substitute any business for the subcontractor upon which you relied to qualify for the preference, unless first approved in writing by the procurement officer. If you violate this provision, the State may terminate your contract for cause and you may be debarred. In addition, the procurement officer may require you to pay the State an amount equal to twice the difference between the price paid by the State and the price offered by the next lowest bidder, unless the substituted subcontractor qualifies for the preference. [11-35-1524(D)(5)(c)] [07-7B237-1]

TERM OF CONTRACT – EFFECTIVE DATE / INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD (FMU – JUNE 2022): The effective date of this contract is the first day of the Maximum Contract Period as specified on the final statement of award. The initial term of this agreement is **0** years, **5** months, **0** days from the effective date. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award. [07-7B240-1]

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE (JAN 2006): (1) Termination. The Procurement Officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. The Procurement Officer shall give written notice of the termination to the contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.
(2) Contractor's Obligations. The contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination the contractor will stop work to the extent specified. The contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. The contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The Procurement Officer may direct the contractor to assign the contractor's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the State. The contractor must still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as are necessary to do so.
(3) Right to Supplies. The Procurement Officer may require the contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer: (a) any completed supplies; and (b) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this contract. The contractor shall, upon direction of the Procurement Officer, protect and preserve property in the possession of the contractor in which the State has an interest. If the Procurement Officer does not exercise this right, the contractor shall use best efforts to sell such supplies and manufacturing materials in a accordance with the standards of Uniform Commercial Code Section 2-706. Utilization of this Section in no way implies that the State has breached the contract by exercise of the Termination for Convenience Clause.

(4) Compensation. (a) The contractor shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with cost or pricing data required by Section 11-35-1830 bearing on such claim. If the contractor fails to file a termination claim within one year from the effective date of termination, the Procurement Officer may pay the contractor, if at all, an amount set in accordance with Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph.
(b) The Procurement Officer and the contractor may agree to a settlement and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the State, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Paragraph (3) of this clause, and the contract price of the work not terminated;
(c) Absent complete agreement under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the Procurement Officer shall pay the contractor the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under Subparagraph (b) shall not duplicate payments under this Subparagraph:
(i) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract;
(ii) costs reasonably incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted supplies or services;
(iii) reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this clause. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with Subparagraph (c)(ii) of this paragraph;
(iv) any other reasonable costs that have resulted from the termination. The total sum to be paid the contractor under this Subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the contractor reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, and the contract price of work not terminated.
(d) Contractor must demonstrate any costs claimed, agreed to, or established under Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph using its standard record keeping system, provided such system is consistent with any applicable Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
(5) Contractor's failure to include an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not (i) affect the State's right to require the termination of a subcontract, or (ii) increase the obligation of the State beyond what it would have been if the subcontract had contained an appropriate clause. [07-7B265-1]

VOLUME (FMU – JUNE 2022): Quantities shown herein are estimated requirements for the contract period and the University does not obligate itself to purchase the full quantities *(or number of trips)* indicated, but the price offered must be allowed should the quantities *(or number of trips)* be less. The University's requirements may exceed the quantities *(or number of trips)* shown and all orders received by the contractor during the term of the contract shall be filled in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

WARRANTY – STANDARD (JAN 2006): Contractor must provide the manufacturer's standard written warranty upon delivery of product. Contractor warrants that manufacturer will honor the standard written warranty provided. [07-7B280-1]

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VIII. BIDDING SCHEDULE / PRICE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL

PRICE PROPOSAL (JAN 2006)

The following Bidding Schedule is required to be completed by the offeror: (do not include sales tax in your offer)

IFB-2491- Fall Semester 2026 Athletics Charter Bus Transportation Schedule

The entire itinerary listed here may not be included on the final contract dependent on pricing received and budget constraints. Due to unforeseen consequences (inclement weather, etc.), the schedule may be changed at the discretion of the University. **Departure times and Returning times listed are estimates, and therefore, are subject to change.**

No charge or penalty can be levied upon the University if Federal, State, University, and or NCAA regulations result in required cancellation of a trip or trips.

Note in Section III: Scope of Work - Food and Lodging for Driver. The cost of meals and overnight lodging for the driver is the responsibility of the Contractor. Therefore the below bid amount(s) MUST be inclusive of lodging and food for the driver.

With the offeror's bid, offeror must provide the required protocols that its company requires of its client's passengers on the offeror's buses.

Individual trips could be lengthened or shortened dependent upon win/loss of games or inclement weather. The University will notify the carrier immediately and the University anticipates that the cost of the trip would be negotiated at prevailing market rates. The University reserves the right to contract with an alternate source if the rate modification offered is unacceptable to the University.

The University invites qualified bidders to submit pricing for charter bus transportation services for the athletic programs identified below. Each sport shall constitute a separate lot for award purposes. Awards will be made on a lot-by-lot basis to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in accordance with applicable South Carolina procurement laws and regulations. Bidders may submit bids for any individual lot, multiple lots, or all lots listed below. AWARD BY LOT (FMU 2026): Award will be made by complete lot(s). Failure to offer on all items within a single lot may be reason for rejection.

Note about Preference Calculations:

Question	Mandatory/ Optional	Multiple Responses Accepted?	Response
ARE YOU REQUESTING THE SC RESIDENT CONTRACTOR PREFERENCE? SEE THE SC PROCUREMENT CODE, SECTION 11-35-1524(C)(1)(III) AND SECTION IIB OF THIS SOLICITATION FOR MORE INFORMATION. FOR A FAQ ON THESE PREFERENCES, PLEASE SEE WWW.PROCUREMENT.SC.GOV/preferences.	Optional	No	**SC Resident Contractor Preference= Yes or No** Circle **"Yes"** or **"No"** to indicate whether you are claiming the South Carolina Resident Contractor Preference in accordance with applicable South Carolina procurement laws and regulations.

Lot 1-Trip #	TEAM(S)	DEPARTURE DATE	DEPARTURE TIME	RETURNING DATE	RETURNING TIME	OVER-NIGHT	DESTINATION UNIVERISTY	DESTINATION City/State	Number of Passengers	Bid Amount per Trip
1	Women's Soccer	Saturday, August 15, 2026	10am	Saturday, August 15, 2026	9pm	No-Day trip	USCB	Bluffton, SC	28	
2	Men's Soccer	Saturday, September 05, 2026	1:30pm	Saturday, September 05, 2026	1:30am (Sun)	No-Day trip	Chowan Univ	Murfreesboro, NC	28	
3	Women's Soccer	Saturday, September 05, 2026	11am	Saturday, September 05, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Chowan Univ	Murfreesboro, NC	28	

4	Men's Soccer	Saturday, September 26, 2026	11am	Saturday, September 26, 2026	12midnight	No-Day trip	Emmanuel Univ.	Franklin Springs, GA	28	
5	Women's Soccer	Saturday, September 26, 2026	8am	Saturday, September 26, 2026	10pm	No-Day trip	Emmanuel Univ	Franklin Springs, GA	28	
6	Men's Soccer	Wednesday, September 30, 2026	10:30am	Wednesday, September 30, 2026	11:30pm	No-Day trip	Ferrum College	Ferrum, VA	28	
7	Women's Soccer	Wednesday, September 30, 2026	8am	Wednesday, September 30, 2026	9pm	No-Day trip	Ferrum College	Ferrum, VA	28	
8	Men's & Women's Soccer	Friday, October 2, 2026	4pm	Saturday, October 3, 2026	11pm	Yes-Overnight- 1	Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk, NC	56	
9	Men's Soccer	Friday, October 9, 2026	4pm	Saturday, October 10, 2026	8pm	Yes-Overnight- 1	Edward Waters College	Jacksonville, FL	28	
10	Men's Soccer	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	8am	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Emmanuel Univ	Franklin Springs, GA	28	
11	Women's Soccer	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	8am	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Emmanuel Univ	Franklin Springs, GA	28	
12	Men's Soccer	Saturday, October 31, 2026	8am	Saturday, October 31, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk, NC	28	
13	Women's Soccer	Saturday, October 31, 2026	8am	Saturday, October 31, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Ferrum College	Ferrum, VA	28	
14	Women's Soccer	Thursday, November 05, 2026	8am	Thursday, November 05, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Emmanuel Univ	Franklin Springs, GA	28	
15	Men's Soccer	Friday, November 06, 2026	8am	Friday, November 06, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Emmanuel Univ	Franklin Springs, GA	28	
16	Women's Soccer	Saturday, November 07, 2026	8am	Saturday, November 07, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Ferrum College	Ferrum, VA	28	
17	Men's Soccer	Sunday, November 08, 2026	8am	Sunday, November 08, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk, NC	28	
18	Men's Soccer	Friday, November 20, 2026	8am	Friday, November 20, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk, NC	28	
19	Women's Soccer	Friday, November 20, 2026	8am	Friday, November 20, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk, NC	28	
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Lot 2-Trip #	TEAM(S)	DEPARTURE DATE	DEPARTURE TIME	RETURNING DATE	RETURNING TIME	OVER-NIGHT	DESTINATION UNIVERISTY	DESTINATION City/State	Number of Passengers	Bid Amount per Trip
20	Volleyball	Thursday, September 03, 2026	2pm	Saturday, September 05, 2026	2am (Sun)	Yes-Overnight - 2	Tampa Univ.	Tampa, FL	26	
21	Volleyball	Wednesday, September 09, 2026	12pm	Wednesday, September 09, 2026	12am	No-Day trip	Ferrum College	Ferrum, VA	26	
22	Volleyball	Friday, September 25, 2026	1pm	Saturday, September 26, 2026	9pm	Yes-Overnight – 1	Erskine/Belmont Abbey	Due West, SC/Belmont, NC	26	
23	Volleyball	Tuesday, September 29, 2026	12pm	Tuesday, September 29, 2026	12am	No-Day trip	Chowan Univ	Murfreesboro, NC	26	
24	Volleyball	Saturday, October 03, 2026	8am	Saturday, October 03, 2026	8pm	No-Day trip	N. Greenville Univ.	Tigerville, SC	26	
25	Volleyball	Friday, October 16, 2026	12pm	Saturday, October 17, 2026	8pm	Yes - overnight - 1	SWU/Converse Univ.	Central, SC/Spartanburg, SC	26	
26	Volleyball	Friday, November 06, 2026	8am	Friday, November 06, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Ferrum College	Ferrum, VA	26	
27	Volleyball	Wednesday, November 11, 2026	8am	Wednesday, November 11, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Emmanuel Univ	Franklin Springs, GA	26	
28	Volleyball	Saturday, November 14, 2026	8am	Saturday, November 14, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk, NC	26	
29	Volleyball	Sunday, November 15, 2026	8am	Sunday, November 15, 2026	11pm	No-Day trip	Ferrum College	Ferrum, VA	26	
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Lot 3-Trip #	TEAM(S)	DEPARTURE DATE	DEPARTURE TIME	RETURNING DATE	RETURNING TIME	OVER-NIGHT	DESTINATION UNIVERISTY	DESTINATION City/State	Number of Passengers	Bid Amount per Trip
30	Men's Basketball	Friday, November 13, 2026	10am	Saturday, November 14, 2026	1am	Yes-Overnight – 1	USCB	Bluffton, SC	25	
31	M&W's Basketball	Saturday, November 21, 2026	9am	Saturday, November 21, 2026	3am (Sun)	No - Day trip	Shorter Univ.	Rome, GA	50	
32	M&W's Basketball	Saturday, December 05, 2026	12pm	Saturday, December 05, 2026	12pm	No - Day trip	Belmont Abbey College	Belmont, NC	50	
33	Women's Basketball	Tuesday, December 08, 2026	11am	Tuesday, December 08, 2026	11:30pm	No-Day trip	Anderson College	Anderson, SC	25	
34	Men's Basketball	Saturday, December 19, 2026	11am	Thursday, November 19, 2026	12pm	No - Day trip	Ferrum College	Ferrum, SC	25	

35	Women's Basketball	Saturday, December 19, 2026	8am	Saturday, December 19, 2026	9pm	No-Day trip	Ferrum College	Ferrum, SC	25	
36	Women's Basketball	Thursday, December 31, 2026	10am	Thursday, December 31, 2026	12am	No-Day trip	Carson Newman Univ.	Jefferson City, TN	25	
									Lot 3 Total	

Lot 4-Trip #	TEAM(S)	DEPARTURE DATE	DEPARTURE TIME	RETURNING DATE	RETURNING TIME	OVER-NIGHT	DESTINATION UNIVERISTY	DESTINATION City/State	Number of Passengers	Bid Amount per Trip
37	Cross Country	Friday, October 16, 2026	1:30pm	Saturday, October 17, 2026	4pm	Yes-Overnight – 1	USC Upstate	Spartanburg, SC	26	
38	Cross Country	Friday, November 06, 2026	1:30om	Saturday, November 07, 2026	4pm	Yes-Overnight – 1	USC Upstate	Spartanburg, SC	26	
39	Cross Country	Sunday, December 06, 2026	8am	Sunday, December 06, 2026	11pm	No - Day trip	Winston Salem State	Winston-Salem, NC	26	
									Lot 4 Total	

***Note – Lot 1: Trip #10 - #19 and Lot 2: Trip #26 - #29 are possible dates and locations of Conference/Regional Tournaments; the farthest possible sites are listed for these trips though the University does not know the final location of the all tournaments or if FMU might instead host the tournaments in which case no travel would be required (highest seed hosts the tournament).**

**** Trips could be lengthened, shortened, or cancelled dependent upon win/loss of games or inclement weather. The University will notify the carrier immediately and no charge or penalty can be levied upon the University if Federal, State, University, NCAA regulations, or inclement weather result in required cancellation of a trip or trips.**

For Information Only (not for price comparison purposes): Should the University be required to stay an additional day or return a day earlier due to unforeseen weather conditions or tournament changes/schedule, please provide a standard rate:

Additional Day: $ _____ Deduct Day: $ _____

Vendor: _____

Authorized Signature: _____
(Same as signature on cover page)

Date: _____

IX. Attachments to Solicitation

1. **Open Trade Representation**

2. **Vendor Application Form (*submit a copy of W-9 with this form*)**

3. **ACH Form (if applicable)**

4. **I-312 – Non Resident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit**

5. **Drug Free Workplace Act Affidavit**

6. **Bidder's Checklist**

ATTACHMENT 1

OPEN TRADE REPRESENTATION

(S.C. Code Ann. §§ 11-35-5300)

The following representation, which is required by Section 11-35-5300(A), is a material inducement for the State to award a contract to you.

I, the official named below, certify I am duly authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the vendor identified below, and, as of the date of my signature, the vendor identified below is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

Vendor Name (Printed)	State Vendor No.
By (Authorized Signature)	Date Executed
Printed Name and Title of Person Signing	[Not used]

ATTACHMENT 2

Vendor Application Form (Must provide a current W9 with this form)

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY
VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

FMU Vendor #: _____
❑ New Vendor
❑ Vendor Info Change

This form is to be completed in its entirety and submitted with a copy of the vendor's applicable IRS taxpayer identification form (W-9 for United States based vendors or W-8 BEN for international vendors).

VENDOR INFORMATION

Taxpayer ID Number *(either FEIN or SS#)*	FEIN	-	SS#	- -
Company Name or Individual Name *(as shown on your income tax return)*				
Doing Business As (DBA) *(if different from name above)*				
Mailing Address	Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____			
Purchase Order Address ❑ *Same as Mailing Address*	Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____			
Remittance Address ❑ *Same as Mailing Address*	Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____			
Would you like to arrange for electronic payment?	❑ Yes ❑ No	South Carolina Small and Minority Business Certification Number	# _____ Expiration Date: _____	

VENDOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Purchasing / Sales Contact	Name	Email Address	Phone Number
Accounting / A.R. Contact	Name	Email Address	Phone Number

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

Signature of Individual Completing this form		Date

ACCOUNTING / PURCHASING USE ONLY

Purchasing Review By		Date
Accounting Review By		Date

ATTACHMENT 3
ACH Form (if applicable)

FMU Use Only
Vendor #: _____

Francis Marion University
Authorization Agreement for Electronic Vendor Payment

Vendor Information		
This request is: ☐ New ☐ Change ☐ Cancel		EIN:
Vendor Name:		
Vendor Address:		
Vendor City:	Vendor State:	Vendor Zip:
ACH Contact Name:	ACH Contact E-Mail:	
	ACH Contact Phone:	

Banking Information		
Financial Institution Name:		
Financial Institution Address:		
Financial Institution City:	State:	Zip:
Type of Account: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings	ABA Routing Transit Number:	
	Account Number:	

☐ I have instructions with my domestic bank to deposit these funds in their entirety to an international bank account outside the U.S. (Check this box if these funds will be deposited directly or subsequently to a bank or financial agency outside the U.S.)

Vendor Authorization	
I certify that I am authorized to initiate electronic payment to the above account and that by signing this agreement I agree to have my payments deposited electronically in the account specified. If funds are erroneously deposited in my account, I authorize Francis Marion University to debit the account up to the amount of the payment. This agreement will remain in effect until written notification of change/cancellation is submitted. Any change in your bank account information will require that you submit another Authorization Agreement form indicating the change. Failure to notify Francis Marion University of the change may delay your payment.	
Signature of Authorized Official:	Signature Date:
Typed or Printed Name of Authorized Official:	Telephone Number:

Form Submission	
Please send the original copy of this signed form to the Francis Marion University Accounting department via one of the designated methods below.	
E-Mail accountspayable@fmarion.edu Subject: ACH FORM	**Mail** Francis Marion University Attn: Accounts Payable PO Box 100547 Florence, SC 29502-0547
If you have questions or need assistance with this form, please contact the Francis Marion University Accounting department at (843)661-1128.	

ATTACHMENT 4

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT F REVENUE
NONRESIDENT TAXPAYER
REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT
INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING

The undersigned nonresident taxpayer on oath, being first duly sworn, hereby certifies as follows:

1. Owner, Partner (s) or Corporate Name of Nonresident Taxpayer:

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2. Trade Name (Doing Business As):

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3. Mailing Address:_____

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4. Federal Identification Number: _____

5. _____Hiring or Contracting with:
Name: _____
Address: _____
_____

_____ Receiving Rentals or Royalties From:
Name: _____
Address: _____
_____

6. I hereby certify that the above named nonresident taxpayer is currently registered (check the appropriate box):
___The South Carolina Secretary of State or
___The South Carolina Department of Revenue
Date of Registration: _____

7. I understand that by this registration, the above named nonresident taxpayer has agreed to be subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the courts of South Carolina tax liability, including estimated taxes, together with any related interest and penalties.

8. I understand the South Carolina Department of Revenue mat revoke the withholding exemption granted under code Section 12-9-310 at any time it determines that the above named nonresident taxpayer is not cooperating with the Department in the determination of its correct South Carolina tax liability.

The undersigned understands that any false statement contained herein could be punished by fine, imprisonment or both.

Recognizing that I am subject to the criminal penalties under Code Section 12-54-40 (b) (6) (f) (5), I declared that I have examined this affidavit and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

_____ (Seal)
(Signature of Owner, Partner or Corporate Officer) Date:_____

If Corporate officer state title:_____

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(Name-Please Print)

ATTACHMENT 4 (continued)

NONRESIDENT TAXPAYER REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE - NONRESIDENTS ONLY

Withholding Requirements for Payments to Nonresidents: Section 12-8-550 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires persons hiring or contracting with a nonresident conducting a business or performing personal services of a temporary nature within South Carolina to withhold 2% of each payment made to the nonresident. The withholding requirement does not apply to (1) payments on purchase orders for tangible personal property when the payments are not accompanied by services to be performed in South Carolina, (2) nonresidents who are not conducting business in South Carolina, (3) nonresidents for contracts that do not exceed $10,000 in a calendar year, or (4) payments to a nonresident who (a) registers with either the S.C. Department of Revenue or the S.C. Secretary of State and (b) submits a Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to the person letting the contract.

The withholding requirement applies to every governmental entity that uses a contract ("Using Entity"). Nonresidents should submit a separate copy of the Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to every Using Entity that makes payment to the nonresident pursuant to this solicitation. Once submitted, an affidavit is valid for all contracts between the nonresident and the Using Entity, unless the Using Entity receives notice from the Department of Revenue that the exemption from withholding has been revoked.

Section 12-8-540 requires persons making payment to a nonresident taxpayer of rentals or royalties at a rate of $1,200.00 or more a year for the use of or for the privilege of using property in South Carolina to withhold 7% of the total of each payment made to a nonresident taxpayer who is not a corporation and 5% if the payment is made to a corporation. Contact the Department of Revenue for any applicable exceptions.

For information about other withholding requirements (e.g., employee withholding), contact the Withholding Section at the South Carolina Department of Revenue at 803-898-5383 or visit the Department's website at: **www.sctax.org**

This notice is for informational purposes only. This agency does not administer and has no authority over tax issues. All registration questions should be directed to the License and Registration Section at 803-898-5872 or to the South Carolina Department of Revenue, Registration Unit, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0140. All withholding questions should be directed to the Withholding Section at 803-896-1420.

PLEASE SEE THE "NONRESIDENT TAXPAYER REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING" FORM (FORM NUMBER I-312) LOCATED AT:
http://www.sctax.org/Forms+and+Instructions/withholding/default.htm

ATTACHMENT 5
Drug Free Workplace Act Affidavit

AFFIDAVIT

I certify that we will comply with Section 44-107-10, ET Seg., relating to the South Carolina Drug-Free Workplace Act to provide a drug-free workplace. (Note: this clause applies to any resultant contract of $50,000.00 or more). The State of South Carolina has amended Title 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to health, by adding chapter 107, so as to enact the Drug-Free Workplace Act. (See, Act no. 593, 1990 Acts and Joint Resolutions.)

Vendor:_____

_____
Street or P. O. Box City State Zip

Telephone: _____

Printed Name: _____

_____ _____
Signature Title

Date: _____

F.E.I N: _____or S.S. #_____

FAILURE TO FURNISH THIS AFFIDAVIT WILL RESULT IN THE DELAY OF CONTRACT

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED

Please return to: Francis Marion University
Purchasing Department
P. O. Box 100547
Florence, SC 29502-0547

Attn: Jennifer D Hester
Director of Purchasing

Fax: 843-661-1165
Tel: 843-661-1161
Email: jdhester@fmarion.edu

ATTACHMENT 6

OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST

AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

Review this checklist prior to submitting your proposal, provided to you as a point of reference. If you fail to follow this checklist, you risk having your proposal rejected; however, the evaluation of Responsiveness will be based on the solicitation, not this checklist. Please DO NOT return this page with your offer.

- ✓ COMPLETED AND SIGNED ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.
- ✓ UNLESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED, DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF YOUR STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS.
- ✓ UNLESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED, DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL BOILERPLATE CONTRACT CLAUSES.
- ✓ REREAD YOUR ENTIRE PROPOSAL TO MAKE SURE YOUR PROPOSAL DOES NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO ANY OF THE SOLICITATION'S MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.
- ✓ MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPERLY MARKED ALL PROTECTED, CONFIDENTIAL, OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEADING ENTITLED: FOIA BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS, SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. ***DO NOT MARK YOUR ENTIRE BID AS CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, OR PROTECTED! DO NOT INCLUDE A LEGEND ON THE COVER STATING THAT YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE IS NOT TO BE RELEASED!***
- ✓ HAVE YOU PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED ALL AMENDMENTS? INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE AN AMENDMENT SHOULD APPEAR IN ALL AMENDMENTS ISSUED.
- ✓ MAKE SURE YOUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES A COPY OF THE SOLICITATION COVER PAGE. MAKE SURE THE COVER PAGE IS SIGNED BY A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACTUALLY BIND YOUR BUSINESS.
- ✓ MAKE SURE YOUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED.
- ✓ CHECK TO ENSURE YOUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES EVERYTHING REQUESTED!
- ✓ IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION, DO NOT RAISE THOSE CONCERNS IN YOUR RESPONSE! **AFTER OPENING, IT IS TOO LATE! IF THIS SOLICITATION INCLUDES A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE OR A QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD, RAISE YOUR QUESTIONS AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS!** PLEASE SEE BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS AND ANY PROVISIONS REGARDING PRE-BID CONFERENCES.

This checklist is included only as a reminder to help bidders avoid common mistakes. Responsiveness will be evaluated against the solicitation, not against this checklist. You do not need to return this checklist with your response. [09-9010-1]

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