DESCRIPTION: Coastal Carolina University seeks a source to provide charter bus service for marching band

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): July 16, 2015 / 2:00 PM

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: July 9, 2015 / 5:00 PM

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) Original

The term “Offer” means your “Bid” or “Proposal”.

Offers may be submitted using any of the following methods (also see “Submitting Your Offer” provision):
(1) By fax: 843-349-2184; (2) by email to the address noted above; or (3) by mail or hand-delivery to either of the following:

MAILING ADDRESS:
Coastal Carolina University
Procurement Services
P.O. Box 261954
Conway, SC 29528

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
Coastal Carolina University
Procurement Services
642 Century Circle
Conway, SC 29526

Note: If you choose to return your response via email, no additional signature is required. It will be assumed that the sender has the ability to legally bind the organization or company to a contract. The name entered in the Signature section will be considered equivalent to an ink signature.

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

AWARD & AMENDMENTS
Award will be posted on July 21, 2015. The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following web address: http://www.coastal.edu/procurement/currentsolicitations.html

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

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.)

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| PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences. ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIOUS 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 (check only one) |
| In-State Office Address same as Notice Address |

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INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT
(Relocated from Section IV.)

AS A MINIMUM, Offerors shall submit the following:
1. A signed Cover Page and Page 2
2. All pages identified as Section VIII. BIDDING SCHEDULE/PRICE
3. Page identified as MINORITY PARTICIPATION / OFFSHORE CONTRACTING (if applicable)

In addition, Offerors should review the following sections for any additional information that may be required for submission:
1. Section IV. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT
2. Section II. B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
3. Section III. SCOPE OF WORK / SPECIFICATIONS
4. Section V. QUALIFICATIONS
5. Any additional and appropriate attachments addressed in Section IX.

ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATIONS

TIPS TO AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

- Read the solicitation in its entirety.
- Questions on the requirements of the solicitation must be asked during the questions phase of the solicitation (see “Questions From Offerors” section) and/or during a pre-bid/proposal conference if one is scheduled. Issues and/or concerns on the requirements raised in your response are too late.
- Unless expressly requested or required by the solicitation, do not attach or include any additional agreements with your bid/proposal.
- Exceptions to the mandatory clauses of the solicitation are generally not acceptable and will result in your bid/proposal being declared nonresponsive.
- Properly mark all protected, confidential, or trade secret information in accordance with the solicitation section titled “Submitting Confidential Information”. Please note that the entire bid/proposal cannot be marked as confidential, protected, or trade secret.
- Properly acknowledge any and all amendments. Instructions are provided in the “Amendments To Solicitation” section.
- Include the proper number of requested copies of your bid/proposal as requested on Page 1.
- Review these tips again prior to submitting your bid/proposal.

These tips are provided to assist offerors with avoiding common mistakes and are not to be taken as all inclusive of items required for the solicitation. The determination of the responsiveness of your bid/proposal will be evaluated against the solicitation document and not the above. You do not need to return this page with your bid/proposal.
I. SCOPE OF SOLICITATION –

ACQUIRE SERVICES & SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT (JAN 2006): The purpose of this solicitation is to acquire services and supplies or equipment complying with the enclosed description and/or specifications and conditions. [01-1005-1]

Coastal Carolina University is seeking a source to provide charter bus transportation service for the Marching Band to attend four (4) football games during fall 2015 per the description and/or specifications provided herein.

MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD - ESTIMATED (JAN 2006): Start date: September 4, 2015 End date: November 22, 2015. 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 (MODIFIED) (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 and 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 Procurement Officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the contract titled “Changes”, if included herein, authorizes the Procurement 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.
PROCUREMENT 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.
STATEWIDE TERM CONTRACT. If the description or other areas of this solicitation indicates the solicitation will become a “statewide term contract”, then the meaning of University also includes any South Carolina Procurement Units [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”.
SUBCONTRACTOR means any person you contract with to perform or provide any part of the work.
US or WE means the University.
UNIVERSITY means Coastal Carolina University.
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.coastal.edu/procurement/currentsolicitations.html (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. [02-2A005-1]

AUTHORIZED AGENT (MODIFIED) (FEB 2015): All authority regarding this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only University official authorized to bind the University with regard to this procurement of 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 (MODIFIED) (JAN 2004): By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with the University. 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 Procurement Officer in writing. [02-2A020-1]

BID IN ENGLISH and 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. [02-2A025-1]

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 Procurement 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 Procurement 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 University, the Procurement Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default. [02-2A035-1]


COMPLETION OF FORMS/CORRECTION OF ERRORS (JAN 2006): 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). (Applicable only to offers submitted on paper.) [02-2A045-1]

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER (MODIFIED) (JAN 2004): Any offer received after the Procurement Officer 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 University purchasing office or the University’s mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the bid opening. [R.19-445.2070(H)] [02-2A050-1]

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE (FEB 2015): You warrant and represent 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. The two underlying principles are (a) preventing the
existence of conflicting roles that might bias a contractor’s judgment, and (b) preventing an unfair competitive advantage. If you have an unfair competitive advantage or a conflict of interest, the University may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, an offeror will be notified of the concerns and provided a reasonable opportunity to respond. Efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities, may be considered. Without limiting the foregoing, you represent that your offer identifies any services that relate to either this solicitation or the work and that has already been performed by you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business of either. [02-2A047-2]

**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. [02-2A065-1]

**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 University’s attention. See clause entitled “Questions from Offerors”. [02-2A070-2]

**ETHICS CERTIFICATE (MAY 2008):** By submitting an offer and/or accepting an order, 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 University 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 procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed. [02-2A075-2]

**IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT- CERTIFICATION (JAN 2015):**
(a) The Iran Divestment Act List is a list published by the Board pursuant to Section 11-57-310 that identifies persons engaged in investment activities in Iran. Currently, the list is available at the following URL: http://procurement.sc.gov/PS/PS-iran-divestment.phtm. Section 11-57-310 requires the government to provide a person ninety days written notice before he is included on the list. The following representation, which is required by Section 11-57-330(A), is a material inducement for the University to award a contract to you.
(b) By signing your Offer, you certify that, as of the date you sign, you are not on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List.
(c) You must notify the Procurement Officer immediately if, at any time before posting of a final statement of award, you are added to the Iran Divestment Act List. [02-2A077-1]

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

**PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS AND DONATIONS (MODIFIED) (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 University or its employees, agents or officials regarding any aspect of this procurement activity, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer. All communications must be solely with the Procurement 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 University during the period beginning eighteen months prior to the Opening Date. [R. 19-445.2165] [02-2A087-1]**

**PUBLIC OPENING (MODIFIED) (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]

This section does not apply to contracts with an actual or potential value of up to fifty thousand dollars. [11-35-1550]

**QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS (MODIFIED) (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 Procurement 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 procurement 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 University seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Officer -- as soon as possible -- regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation, that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition. [See R. 19-445.2140] [02-2A095-2]

The preferred method for submitting questions is via email to the Procurement Officer's address noted on Page 1 of this document, with the subject line indicating “Questions – Solicitation (insert identifying Solicitation Number from Page 1). If you choose not to email questions, they may be sent to the Procurement Officer’s attention at the mailing address noted on Page 1 or by facsimile to 843-349-2184, to include the appropriate indication in the subject line.

**REJECTION/CANCELLATION (MODIFIED) (JAN 2004):** The University may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The University may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. [SC Code Section 11-35-1710 & R.19-445.2065] [02-2A100-1]

**RESPONSIVENESS/IMPROPER OFFERS (MODIFIED) (JAN 2004)**

(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 University 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 Procurement Officer. [R.19-445.2070 and Section 11-35-1520(13)]

(d) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. [R. 19-445.2070].

(e) Unbalanced Bidding. The University 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 University even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment. [02-2A105-1]
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 venture 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 (MODIFIED) (JAN 2004): If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal government processes so that offers cannot be received at the University 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 University offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference. [02-2A120-1]

SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (MODIFIED) (FEB 2015): (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word “CONFIDENTIAL” every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1), or (b) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the words “TRADE SECRET” every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word “PROTECTED” every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends is protected by 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. Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the University may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not mark the entire page. By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page 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 is conspicuously marked “TRADE SECRET” or “CONFIDENTIAL” or “PROTECTED”, (2) agrees that any information not 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. In determining whether to release documents, the University will detrimentally rely on Offeror's marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either “Confidential” or “Trade Secret” or “PROTECTED”. By submitting a response, Offeror agrees 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 Offeror marked as "confidential" or "trade secret" or "PROTECTED". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.) [02-2A125-2]

SUBMITTING A PAPER OFFER OR MODIFICATION (MAR 2015): If you must submit a 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. [02-2A130-2]

TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES (MODIFIED) (JAN 2008): Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, a taxpayer having a contract with this University 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]

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (JAN 2004)
(a) If Offeror is owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (b) of this provision, Offeror shall submit with its Offer the name and TIN of common parent.
(b) Definitions: “Common parent,” as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member. "Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN),” as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.
(c) If Offeror does not have a TIN, Offeror shall indicate if either a TIN has been applied for or a TIN is not required. If a TIN is not required, indicate whether (i) Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States; (ii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a state or local government; (iii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; or (iv) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government. [02-2A140-1]

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

CLARIFICATION (NOV 2007): Pursuant to Section 11-35-1520(8), the Procurement 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. [Section
11-35-1520(8); R.19-445.2080] [02-2B055-1]

MAIL PICKUP (MODIFIED) (JAN 2006): The University's Mail Services picks up all mail from the US Postal
Service once daily around 9:00 a.m. (excluding weekends and holidays), and disseminates the mail to the
Procurement office normally by 12:00 pm. See provision entitled Deadline for Submission of Offer. [02-2B080-
1]

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)] [02-2B111-
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PREFERENCES - SC/US END-PRODUCT (SEP 2009): Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference to vendors
offering South Carolina end-products or US end-products, if those products are made, manufactured, or grown
in SC or the US, respectively. An end-product is the tangible project identified for acquisition in this solicitation,
including all component parts in final form and ready for the use intended. The terms "made," "manufactured,
and "grown" are defined by Section 11-35-1524(A). By signing your offer and checking the appropriate space(s)
provided and identified on the bid schedule, you certify that the end-product(s) is either made, manufactured or
grown in South Carolina, or other states of the United States, as applicable. Preference will be applied as
required by law. Post award substitutions are prohibited. See "Substitutions Prohibited - End Product
Preferences (Sep 2009)" provision. [02-2B112-1]

PREFERENCES - RESIDENT CONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): To qualify for the RCP, you must
maintain an office in this state. An office is a non-mobile 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 for a 2% preference or forty
percent of bidder’s total bid price for a 4% preference. (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]

PREFERENCES - RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE (SEP 2009): To qualify for the RVP, you must maintain an office in this state. An office is a non-mobile place for the regular transaction of business or performance of a particular service which has been operated as such by the bidder for at least one year before the bid opening and during that year the place has been staffed for at least fifty weeks by at least two employees for at least thirty five hours a week each. In addition, you must either: (1) maintain at a location in South Carolina at the time of the bid an inventory of expendable items which are representative of the general type of commodities for which the award will be made and which have a minimum total value, based on the bid price, equal to the lesser of fifty thousand dollars [$50,000] or the annual amount of the contract; or (2) be a manufacturer headquartered and having an annual payroll of at least one million dollars in South Carolina and the end product being sold is either made or processed from raw materials into a finished end product by that manufacturer or its affiliate (as defined in Section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code). [02-2B114-1]

UNIT PRICES REQUIRED (JAN 2006): Unit price to be shown for each item. [02-2B170-1]

III. SCOPE OF WORK / SPECIFICATIONS –

Coastal Carolina University seeks a source to provide charter bus transportation service for the University’s Marching Band during fall 2015 per the description and/or specifications provided herein. The successful contractor shall furnish all buses, drivers, fuel, maintenance, and materials necessary for this purpose.

Charter buses must have a minimum capacity of fifty-six (56) passenger to transport the Marching Band students and band equipment to various destinations. The contractor shall have Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) authority to conduct for-hire transportation of passengers (including proof of liability and/or insurance) and own a motor coach or fleet.

SPECIFICATIONS

A. Buses

Buses manufacturer date shall not be older than ten years.

Buses shall be equipped in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations and safety standards.

Buses shall be equipped and serviced for passenger comfort for long-distance travel, which should include operable heating and air-conditioning, clean restrooms, AM/FM stereo radios, televisions and DVD/video cassette recorders; outlets for cell phones and computers are optional. All amenities must be fully operational.

All buses deployed for use shall be roadworthy, safe, and compliant with all applicable Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements and specifically be FMCSA compliant.

B. Statutory Requirements

The 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 $5,000,000.00 of insurance coverage in accordance with the United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations.

D. Drivers

Drivers shall be employed by the Contractor and dressed in uniform that identifies the company and driver. Drivers are to be fully qualified to operate the equipment and licensed accordingly as per all Federal, State, local and U.S. Department of Transportation. No smoking will be allowed, except, outside of buses prior to commencement of trip, after conclusion of trip, or during scheduled stops. 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, or use a cell phone 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.

The cost of meals for the driver is the responsibility of the contractor.

The Contractor and the University understand and agree that Federal Department of Transportation safety regulations require that a driver not exceed 10 hours driving time and 5 hours on duty time (not driving) per 24 hours. Offer must include for relief of driver’s if needed and/or required by law. All drivers will comply with federal duty time limitations.

All drivers must be properly licensed and trained on equipment to be operated. Drivers must be fluent in the English language.

All operators, drivers and buses will be fully licensed and possess current federal inspections for both inter-state and intra-state carriage of passengers.

E. Routing/Scheduling

All trip mileage charges shall begin and end at the University’s location.

Departure times listed on bid proposal are estimates. Final scheduling for departure times and pick-up locations are the responsibility of the Contractor, and should be made with the University Travel Coordinator in charge.

Contractor shall forward a copy of the trip map route 48 hours in advance to the University Travel Coordinator in charge for each event. The University shall provide the Contractor with an updated itinerary if a change is necessary, at a minimum of 72 hours before the departure time and date on the
itinerary in this solicitation, unless the travel has been mandated in a change of schedule for reason out of the University's control.

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 Travel Coordinator in charge.

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.

The 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.

F. 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 Travel Coordinator in charge. Should the University be required to cancel a trip with the Contractor, no penalty will be applied.

G. 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.

H. 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 Procurement Services during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. If mechanical breakdown occurs outside of normal business hours during travel, the University Travel Coordinator(s) shall have authority to approve use of subcontractor.

I. Standards of Service

1. General: The standards of service prescribed herein are a minimum and are intended to assure the provisions of service commensurate with authorized entitlements and apply to all motor coaches used for bus transportation procured under this solicitation. In emergency situations carriers will endeavor to comply with the prescribed standards, as the circumstances permit.

2. Arrival Time and Punctuality: Punctuality and motor coach availability are vitally important, as the marching band must not be late or absent from scheduled events. 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.

3. Band Instruments/Baggage: It is the responsibility of the University Travel Coordinator to load and unload band instruments, baggage, etc. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to verify all band instruments and baggage is properly loaded and secured and that baggage compartment doors are properly secured.

4. Mechanical Breakdowns: The Contractor must have sufficient fleet to compensate for mechanical breakdowns. Should mechanical breakdowns or accidents 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 solicitation and make every
reasonable effort to maintain original schedule. The procedures in place for roadside emergencies may be requested for evaluation purposes. The Contractor’s failure to provide procedures upon request may result in rejection of offer.

5. 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 and/or reduction in the total contract price of up to twenty (20%) of the trip in question.

See Section VIII Bidding Schedule. [03-3005-1]

DELIVERY / PERFORMANCE LOCATION – PURCHASE ORDER (MODIFIED) (JAN 2006): After award, all deliveries shall be made and all services provided to the location specified by the University in its purchase order. In general, the delivery address will be as follows:

Coastal Carolina University
Coastal Science Center (Parking Lot)
301 Allied Drive
Conway, SC 29526

IV. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT

See page 3 of this solicitation.

In addition, Offerors shall submit the following:

1. A list of the vehicles to include the number of passenger capacity, license plate tag number(s), VIN number(s), the manufactured year for all buses offered in response to this solicitation that will perform the work as per specifications herein.


3. Carriers USDOT identification number: ____________________________.

4. Carriers Federal Motor Carrier MC identification number: ________________________.

5. Offeror shall provide the names and contact information of three (3) businesses for which contractor has provided similar services, during the last two (2) years. The University reserves the right to contact any, all or none of the references provided pursuant to this section.

MINORITY PARTICIPATION (JAN 2006). (Moved to Section IX. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION.)

OFFSHORE CONTRACTING (JAN 2006): (Moved to Section IX. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION.)

SUBMITTING REDACTED OFFERS (MAR 2015): If your offer includes any information that you marked as “Confidential,” “Trade Secret,” or “Protected” in accordance with the clause entitled “Submitting Confidential Information,” you must also submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). The redacted copy should (i) reflect the same pagination as the original, (ii) show the empty space from which information was redacted, and (iii) be submitted on magnetic media. (See
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.”

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:

- The contractor shall have Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) authority to conduct for-hire transportation of passengers and own a motor coach or fleet.
- The contractor must have a rating of “Satisfactory” on a current Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration report.
- All buses offered in response to this solicitation must have a manufacturer date no older than ten (10) years.

(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.

QUALIFICATIONS – REQUIRED INFORMATION (MAR 2015): Submit the following information or documentation for you and for any subcontractor (at any tier level) that you identify pursuant to the clause titled Subcontractor – Identification. Err on the side of inclusion. You represent that the information provided is complete. (a) The general history and experience of the business in providing work of similar size and scope. (b) Information reflecting the current financial position. Include the most current financial statement and financial statements for the last two fiscal years. If the financial statements have been audited in accordance with the following requirements, provide the audited version of those statements. [Reference Statement of Financial Accounting Concepts No. 5 (FASB, December, 1984), as amended.] (c) A detailed, narrative statement listing the three most recent, comparable contracts (including contact information) which have been performed. For each contract, describe how the supplies or services provided are similar to those requested by this solicitation, and how they differ. (d) A list of every business for which supplies or services substantially similar to those sought with this solicitation have been provided, at any time during the past three years. (e) A list of every South Carolina public body for which supplies or services have been provided at any time during the past three years, if any. (f) List of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation.

SUBCONTRACTOR – IDENTIFICATION (MODIFIED) (FEB 2015): If you intend to subcontract, at any tier level, with another business for any portion of the work and that portion either (1) exceeds 10% of your cost, (2) involves access to any “government information”, as defined in the clause entitled “Information Security –
Definitions, “if included, or (3) otherwise involves services critical to your performance of the work (err on the side of inclusion), your offer must identify that business and the portion of work which they are to perform. Identify potential subcontractors by providing the business’ name, address, phone, taxpayer identification number, and point of contact. In determining your responsibility, the University may evaluate your proposed subcontractors. [05-5030-2]

VI. AWARD CRITERIA–

AWARD BY ITEM OR LOT (JAN 2006): Award will be made by individual items and/or complete lot(s). [06-6010-1]

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 Procurement 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 (MODIFIED) (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 University 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 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 (MODIFIED) (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 University. 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 University orders and/or 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 cancellable and subject to immediate termination by the University 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 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 (MODIFIED) (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 University’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 University, (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 the University. Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect. [07-7A015-2]

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (MODIFIED) (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 University 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 a 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]

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (MODIFIED) (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] The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap or veteran status. The Contractor will comply with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees and applicants for employment without discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap or veteran status.
FALSE CLAIMS (JAN 2006): According to the S.C. Code of Laws § 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. Contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms, except as otherwise provided in this solicitation. This clause does not prohibit contractor from offering lower pricing after award. [07-7A040-1]

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

NOTICE (MODIFIED) (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 University 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]

PAYMENT & INTEREST (MODIFIED) (FEB 2015): (a) The University 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 shall be made by check mailed to the payment address on "Page Two". (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 University 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 University 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. § 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 University shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. [07-7A055-3]

PUBLICITY (MODIFIED) (JAN 2006): Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by University employees, or include the University in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. [07-7A060-1]

PURCHASE ORDERS (MODIFIED) (JAN 2006): CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT PERFORM ANY WORK PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF A PURCHASE ORDER FROM THE UNIVERSITY. The University 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]
IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT - ONGOING OBLIGATIONS - (JAN 2015): (a) You must notify the procurement officer immediately if, at any time during the contract term, you are added to the Iran Divestment Act List. (b) Consistent with Section 11-57-330(8), you shall not contract with any person to perform a part of the Work, if, at the time you enter into the subcontract, that person is on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List. [07-7A072-1]

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 (MODIFIED) (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 University, 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 University. It shall be solely the University’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 University to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the University 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 (MODIFIED) (JAN 2006): The University 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 University's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing. [07-7A095-1]

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS – B. SPECIAL –

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS (MODIFIED) (JAN 2006): Through acceptance of an order or contract, the Contractor shall be deemed to represent that it has complied, or will comply, with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and ordinances and all lawful orders, rules and regulations thereunder, and all University regulations and policies while on University property or while conducting University associated activities off of University property. University policies are available through this web site: http://www.coastal.edu/policies/
The Contractor acknowledges that persons under the age of eighteen (18) are considered minors in the State of South Carolina and protected under State law. The University’s policy on Protection of Minors can be found at: http://www.coastal.edu/policies/policyDetails.html?x=182
By acceptance of an order or contract, the Contractor is deemed to represent that it has complied or will comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act, Section 44-107-10, Chapter 107, of the South Carolina Code of Laws.
Failure to comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and policies may result in unilateral and immediate revocation of this contract. [07-7B035-1]
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION (CCU): Questions or problems arising after award of a contract shall be directed to the Procurement Officer, Coastal Carolina University, Procurement Services, PO Box 261954, Conway SC 29528. The office of Procurement Services is located in Atlantic Hall, 642 Century Circle, Conway SC.

CONTRACTOR’S LIABILITY INSURANCE (MODIFIED) (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) The University, and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers, 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. The endorsement must contain the following language:

"Coastal Carolina University, including its current and former trustees, officers, directors, employees, volunteer workers, agents, assigns and students, is added to this policy as additional insured."

(d) For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the State, the University, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the State, the University, 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 University 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 University 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 University 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 University 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 the University a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the State or the University by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the State or the University 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 University. The University 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 University 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 (MODIFIED) (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. The Contractor certifies that its employees, volunteers, and participants are not registered sex offenders and have not been convicted of a felony. The Contractor will be responsible for compliance with Title IX and Title VII of federal civil rights laws while on University property or while conducting associated activities off University property. Failure to comply with the above may result in unilateral and immediate revocation of this contract. The use of all tobacco products is prohibited in or on all University property. Tobacco products include all forms of tobacco and smoke-related products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, water pipes (hookahs), bidis, kreteks, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes and other devices allowing for the ingestion, combustion, inhalation or other use of tobacco. [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]

CONTRACTOR'S USE OF STATE PROPERTY (MODIFIED) (JAN 2006): Upon termination of the contract for any reason, the University shall have the right, upon demand, to obtain access to, and possession of, all University properties, including, but not limited to, current copies of all University application programs and necessary documentation, all data, files, intermediate materials and supplies held by the contractor. Contractor shall not use, reproduce, distribute, display, or sell any data, material, or documentation owned exclusively by the University without the University’s written consent, except to the extent necessary to carry out the work. [07-7B067-1]

DEFAULT – SHORT FORM (MODIFIED) (FEB 2015): The University may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the contractor, or if the contractor fails to comply with any material contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the University, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the University shall not be liable to the contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the contractor shall be liable to the University for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the University improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience. [07-7B080-2]

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) (CCU): Contractor warrants that it will not make available or distribute any student education records it receives from the University in violation of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) 20 U.S.C. section 1232g. Contractor agrees to limit access to records provided by the University to its employees with a legitimate need to know in order for the seller to fulfill its obligations under this agreement. Contractor warrants that it has procedures in place to prevent unauthorized access to data provided by the University, and the procedures will be documented and available to the University upon request. Contractor will notify the University immediately in the event of a security breach that could or does impact the University records or data. Contractor agrees that University data will not be shared or sold to third parties without prior written authorization from the University. Contractor agrees to notify the University immediately if it receives a subpoena, court order or other request for University data so the University can take appropriate action if needed.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (MODIFIED) (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 University 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]

LICENSES AND PERMITS (MODIFIED) (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 the order. Note: The University campus is located within the city limits of Conway, South Carolina. Questions regarding business license requirements should be directed to City of Conway, Business License Office, 1000 2nd Ave., Conway SC 29526, telephone 843-488-7631, fax 843-248-1718. [07-7B115-1]

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 States or by means, methods, or communications that, in whole or in part, take place offshore of the United States. [07-7B122-1]

PURCHASING CARD (MODIFIED) (JAN 2006): Contractor agrees to accept payment by the University Purchasing Card for no extra charge. The University Purchasing Card is issued by Visa through a statewide program offered to state agencies which allows agencies to make authorized purchases from a vendor without the requirement to issue a purchase order. [07-7B200-1]

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES (JAN 2006): Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venture 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 (MODIFIED) (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 University liquidated damages of $1,000 for each contact with a citizen or end user that violates this restriction. [07-7B212-1]

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

SUBSTITUTIONS PROHIBITED - END PRODUCT PREFERENCES (MODIFIED) (SEP 2009): If you receive the award as a result of the South Carolina end product or United States end product preference, you may not substitute a non-qualifying end product for a qualified end product. If you violate this provision, the University may terminate your contract for cause and you may be debarred. In addition, you shall pay to the University an amount equal to twice the difference between the price paid by the University and your evaluated price for the item for which you delivered a substitute. [11-35-1534(B)(4)] [07-7B236-1]

SUBCONTRACTOR SUBSTITUTION PROHIBITED - RESIDENT SUBCONTRACTOR PREFERENCE (MODIFIED) (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 University may terminate your contract for cause and you may be debarred. In addition, the procurement officer may require you to pay the University an amount equal to twice the difference between the price paid by the University 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]

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE – SHORT FORM (MODIFIED) (JAN 2006): The Procurement Officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the University. In such a termination, the Procurement Officer may require the contractor to transfer title and deliver to the University 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. Upon such termination, the contractor shall (a) stop work to the extent specified, (b) terminate any subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work, and (c) be paid the following amounts without duplication, subject to the other terms of this contract: (i) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract, (ii) costs incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work, and (iii) any other reasonable costs that the contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the University, using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred that reasonably could have been avoided. As a condition of payment, contractor shall submit within three months of the effective date of the termination a claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination. The absence of an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not increase the obligation of the University beyond what it would have been had the subcontract contained such a clause. [07-7B260-1]
### VIII. BIDDING SCHEDULE / PRICE-BUSINESS PROPOSAL –
#### BIDDING SCHEDULE (NOV 2007):

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**Item Description:** Lease of three (3) charter buses on Saturday, September 5, 2015 departing at 11:30 a.m. Transport marching band students to Greenville, SC to perform at the Coastal Carolina University/Furman University football game. Marching band returns to Coastal Carolina University’s Campus, Conway, SC after the football game.

#### Service Contract Preferences

- Section 11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii) – Select RCP if you qualify for the Resident Contractor Preference.
- Section 11-35-1524(D)(1)&(2) – Select RSCP-2% if you qualify for the Resident Subcontractor Preference – 2%
  - You must identify the subcontractor that will perform the work:
  - You must identify the work the subcontractor is to perform:
  - What is your factual basis for concluding that the subcontractor’s work constitutes the required percentage of the work to be performed in the procurement?

- Section 11-35-1524(D)(1)&(2) – Select RSCP-4% if you qualify for the Resident Subcontractor Preference – 4%
  - You must identify the subcontractor that will perform the work:
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**Item Description:** Lease of three (3) charter buses on Saturday, September 12, 2015 departing at 12:00 noon. Transport marching band students to Orangeburg, SC to perform at the Coastal Carolina University/SC State University football game. Marching band returns to Coastal Carolina University’s Campus, Conway, SC after the football game.

#### Service Contract Preferences

- Section 11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii) – Select RCP if you qualify for the Resident Contractor Preference.
- Section 11-35-1524(D)(1)&(2) – Select RSCP-2% if you qualify for the Resident Subcontractor Preference – 2%
  - You must identify the subcontractor that will perform the work:
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- Section 11-35-1524(D)(1)&(2) – Select RSCP-4% if you qualify for the Resident Subcontractor Preference – 4%
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**Item Description:** Lease of three (3) charter buses on Saturday, October 31, 2015 departing at 8:30 a.m. Transport marching band students to Charleston, SC to perform at the Coastal Carolina University/Charleston Southern University football game. Marching and returns to Coastal Carolina University’s Campus, Conway, SC after the football game.

**Service Contract Preferences**

- Section 11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii) – Select RCP if you qualify for the Resident Contractor Preference.
- Section 11-35-1524(D)(1)&(2) – Select RSCP-2% if you qualify for the Resident Subcontractor Preference – 2%.
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**Response**

- RCP
- RSCP-2%

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**Item Description:** Lease of three (3) charter buses on Saturday, November 21, 2015 departing at 6:00 a.m. Transport marching band students to Lynchburg, VA to perform at the Coastal Carolina University/Liberty University football game. Marching band returns to Coastal Carolina University’s Campus, Conway, SC the following day, Sunday, November 22, 2015. Note: This is an overnight trip.

**Service Contract Preferences**

- Section 11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii) – Select RCP if you qualify for the Resident Contractor Preference.
- Section 11-35-1524(D)(1)&(2) – Select RSCP-4% if you qualify for the Resident Subcontractor Preference – 4%.
  - You must identify the subcontractor that will perform the work:
  - You must identify the work the subcontractor is to perform:
  - What is your factual basis for concluding that the subcontractor’s work constitutes the required percentage of the work to be performed in the procurement?

**Response**

- RCP
- RSCP-4%
IX. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION

ATTACHMENTS LIST: The following documents are attached to this solicitation: [09-9002-1]

CERTIFICATION OF MINORITY PARTICIPATION AND/OR OFFSHORE CONTRACTING (if applicable)

NONRESIDENT TAXPAYER REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING
CERTIFICATION OF MINORITY PARTICIPATION AND/OR OFFSHORE CONTRACTING (if applicable)

MINORITY PARTICIPATION (JAN 2006):
Is the bidder a South Carolina Certified Minority Business? □ Yes □ No
Is the bidder a Minority Business certified by another governmental entity? □ Yes □ No
If so, please list the certifying governmental entity:
Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? □ Yes □ No
If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor?
Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? □ Yes □ No
If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor?
If a certified Minority Business is participating in this contract, please indicate all categories for which the Business is certified:
□ Traditional minority
□ Traditional minority, but female
□ Women (Caucasian females)
□ Hispanic minorities
□ DOT referral (Traditional minority)
□ DOT referral (Caucasian female)
□ Temporary certification
□ SBA 8 (a) certification referral
□ Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)
(If more than one minority contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.)
[04-4015-1]

OFFSHORE CONTRACTING (JAN 2006):
Work that will be performed offshore by the Offeror and/or its subcontractors must be identified in the Offeror’s response. For the purpose of this solicitation, offshore is defined as outside the 50 States and US territories. Offeror is to include an explanation for the following:
(a) What type of work is being contracted offshore?
(b) What percentage (%) of the total work is being contracted offshore?
(c) What percentage (%) of the total value of the contract is being contracted offshore?
(d) Provide a Service Level Agreement (SLA) demonstrating the arrangement between the off-shore contactor and the Offeror. Attach Service Level Agreement to this document or paste here. Data provided by the Offeror in regards to this clause is for information only and will not be used in the evaluation and determination of an award.
[04-4020-1]
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

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