

University of Maryland University College
SOLICITATION TERMS & CONDITIONS
April 2008

Definitions:

- (a) "Vendor" or "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity submitting an offer in response to a University solicitation.
- (b) "Offer" means a quote submitted by a vendor.
- (c) "UMUC" means the University of Maryland University College or any other component of the University System of Maryland (USM) on behalf of which this procurement is made by UMUC.
- (d) "Contract" an agreement entered into by UMUC for the acquisition of supplies, services, construction, architecture services and engineering services.

Terms:

1. Reservation of Rights. This solicitation creates no obligation on the part of UMUC. This solicitation may be cancelled at any time prior to opening of offers. UMUC reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities of any materials, equipment, supplies or services described in the solicitation. Offers may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received prior to the time and date set for opening. UMUC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all offers in whole or in part. The University reserves the right to make awards by item, groups of items, multiple awards, or on an all or none basis as best serves the interests of the University.
2. Pricing. The unit price shall be considered as the offer price, which will be evaluated by UMUC. Separate unit prices shall be submitted for each item; extensions shall be indicated where applicable and total offer price shown when requested. Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, offer prices are irrevocable for a period of 90 days following the date set for offer opening.
3. Specifications; Equivalents. All materials, equipment, supplies or services shall conform to applicable Federal and State laws and regulations and to the specifications contained in the solicitation. Any manufacturer's names, trades names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for information and are not intended to limit competition. The vendor may offer any brand which meets or exceeds the specification for any item(s). If offers are based on equivalent products, the vendor shall indicate on the offer form the manufacturer's name and product number and shall submit with the offer cuts, sketches, and descriptive literature and/or complete specifications. Reference to literature submitted with a previous offer shall not satisfy this provision. The vendor shall also explain in detail the reason(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. UMUC reserves the right to determine acceptance of any items proposed as equivalent. Offers which do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection. Offers lacking any written indication of intent to offer an alternate brand shall be received and considered in complete compliance with the specifications as listed on the solicitation form.
4. Samples. UMUC reserves the right to request and be furnished samples, at no expense to UMUC, prior to or after the award, for the purpose of quality and specification evaluation. Samples shall be returned, upon request, at the vendor's expense. UMUC does not guarantee that Samples returned will be in the same condition as when submitted.
5. Vendor's Terms and Conditions. The Purchase Order issued by UMUC shall constitute the contract between the parties. A VENDOR'S PROPOSED TERMS ARE NOT PART OF THE CONTRACT UNLESS SPECIFICALLY ACCEPTED IN WRITING BY THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER. NO OTHER UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE CAN ACCEPT OR EXECUTE A CONTRACT FORM OR ACCEPT A VENDOR'S TERMS. Any terms and conditions, including any form contracts, which the vendor proposes to use, shall be submitted (a) by the solicitation closing date in the case of a single step procurement or (b) by the closing date for technical offers, in the case of a multi-step procurement. If a vendor does not submit any proposed terms on a timely basis, its offer will be deemed an offer to contract on UMUC's terms. If a vendor timely proposes any non-UMUC terms or conditions, the vendor must indicate clearly in writing whether or not its offer is contingent upon the acceptance of any or all of the vendor's terms and conditions. UMUC may reject any offer made contingent upon University acceptance of a vendor's terms and conditions.
6. Minority Business Enterprise Notice.
 - (a) Minority business enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation
 - (b) Refer to the specifications of the solicitation for identification of Minority Business Enterprise "MBE" participation goal.
7. Public Information Act Notice. Offerors shall give specific attention to the identification of those portions of their responses that they deem to be confidential, proprietary information or trade secrets and shall provide justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by UMUC under the Access to Public Records Act, State Government Article, Title 10, Subtitle 6, Annotated Code of Maryland.
8. Arrearages. By submitting a response to this solicitation, a vendor shall be deemed to represent that it is not in arrears in the payment of any obligation due and owing the State of Maryland, including the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of the contract if selected for contract award.
9. Bid/Proposal Affidavit. The attached bid/proposal affidavit shall be completed and submitted by the vendor with the bid or proposal. The terms and conditions of the affidavit will be incorporated into and made a part of any contract resulting from this solicitation.
10. Bid Security. Solicitations for construction contracts reasonably expected by the procurement officer to exceed \$100,000 shall require a bid security in an amount equal to at least 5% of the amount of the bid or price proposal. For all other non-construction contracts, refer to the specifications of this solicitation addressing bid security. Absence of any such reference shall mean that no bid security is required. Notwithstanding the above, notice of a bid security is required if a federal law or condition of federal assistance for the contract requires it.
11. Ethics. The Vendor is responsible to assure compliance with the Maryland Public Ethics Law, Title 15, State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. The Public Ethics Law prohibits, under certain circumstances, (i) present and former officials and employees of State agencies, or (ii) businesses in which those persons or their close relations hold employment or economic interests, from submitting bids or proposals, negotiating for themselves or others, or entering into contracts with the State. In the event a violation of the Maryland Public Ethics Law occurs in connection with a Vendor's response to this solicitation or a resulting contract award to a Vendor, the University reserves the right to reject the proposal or declare an event of default of the contract awarded to the Vendor. Any Vendor with concerns about compliance with the Maryland Public Ethics Law is encouraged to contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.
12. Rights in Inventions. For the consideration payable under this Contract, Vendor agrees to report any invention arising out of the Work required by this Contract to UMUC. UMUC shall have sole right and authority to seek statutory patent protection under United States and foreign patent laws and to enjoy the benefits of ownership of the invention, whether or not the invention was required of the Vendor as part of the performance of Work. Vendor hereby assigns all right, title and interest in and to inventions made in the course of the Work to UMUC and agrees to execute and deliver all documents and do any and all things necessary and proper to effect such assignment.
13. Copyrights. For the consideration payable under this Contract, the work product required by this Contract shall be considered a work made for hire within the meaning of that term under the copyright laws of the United States, applicable common law and corresponding laws of other countries. UMUC shall have sole right and authority to seek statutory copyright protection and to enjoy the benefits of ownership of the work. The party performing the work hereby assigns all right, title and interest in and to the work to the UMUC.

14. **Acknowledgement of Addenda.** If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the bid, addenda will be posted to the eBid Board website at www.umuc.edu/procurement or issued to the vendors who are known to have the solicitation documents . It is the responsibility of the bidder to check the website frequently until the opening date for addendums, amendments, and changes. A written acknowledgement of the receipt of all amendments, addenda, and changes issued shall be required from all vendors submitting a bid.

15. **Conflict of Interest.** An individual or a person that employs an individual who assists the University in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, a request for proposals for a procurement or the selection or award made in response to an invitation for bids or request for proposals may not: (1) submit a bid or proposal for that procurement; or (2) assist or represent another person, directly or indirectly, who is submitting a bid or proposal for that procurement.

16. **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”).** The selected contractor may have access to, may obtain, or be given confidential information, including without limitation information concerning the University’s business strategies, political and legislative affairs, students, faculty, employees, vendors, contractors, student records or student financial information, customer lists, finances, properties, methods of operation, computer and telecommunication systems, and software and documentation. Certain confidential information may be protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and the Maryland Public Information Act. The selected firm must have administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of the University’s and borrower’s confidential information.