



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
STATE UNIVERSITY · 1873

INVITATION FOR BID 5796

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

TITLE: RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF MIXED ELECTRONIC SURPLUS

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2015

BUYER: CHRISTINA MATTISON
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BID MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2015

TIME: 3:30 P.M.

For USPS/FedEx/UPS, etc.
Bids must be mailed to:
Purchasing Department
Southeast Missouri State University
One University Plaza, Mail Stop 3280
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

OR delivered by bidder to:
Purchasing Department
Academic Hall Room 200F
Normal Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

The notice of award is made subject to availability and appropriation of funds, and the selection of the lowest and best bidder is made in accordance with all applicable public procurement laws.

MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID

The bidder hereby agrees to furnish items and/or services, at the firm, fixed prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained herein, upon either the receipt of an authorized purchase order from the Purchasing Department or when this document is countersigned by the Purchasing Department as a binding contract, and further agrees that the language of this document shall govern in the event of a conflict with his or her bid.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE		PRINTED NAME/TITLE	
COMPANY NAME			CURRENT DATE
MAILING ADDRESS			TELEPHONE NUMBER/EXT.
CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT PERSON EMAIL ADDRESS		FACSIMILE NUMBER
DELIVERY DATE: _____ DAYS ARO, FOB DESTINATION PROMPT PAYMENT TERMS: _____% _____ DAYS NET _____ DAYS			
NOTICE OF AWARD (SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY USE ONLY)			
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY			DATE

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF MIXED ELECTRONIC SURPLUS
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SCOPE OF WORK

This document constitutes a request for proposals from qualified organizations to provide recycling and disposal of mixed electronic surplus items, in accordance with all terms and conditions of this document. The contractor shall provide services on an as needed, if needed basis. The University does not guarantee any usage of the contract.

The University currently has a contract with Midwest Recycling Center that will expire on December 31, 2015. It is anticipated that a new contract will begin on January 1, 2016.

1. Electronic surplus items will include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1.1 Desktop computers, laptop computers, tablets and servers
 - 1.2 Peripheral equipment such as monitors, printers, scanners, drives and storage devices, keyboards, etc.
 - 1.3 Communication devices such as desktop phones, cell phones, copy machines, fax machines, telecommunications equipment, audio equipment, video conferencing equipment, etc.
 - 1.4 Consumer electronics such as televisions, DVD players, camcorders, cameras, stereo systems, radios, calculators, batteries, etc.
2. The contractor must pick up the mixed electronic surplus as requested by the University. Possible pickup locations are as follows:
 - 2.1 Main campus - Memorial Hall and Pole Barn
 - 2.2 Regional campus located in Malden, MO
 - 2.3 Regional campus located in Kennett, MO
 - 2.4 Regional campus located in Sikeston, MO
3. It is anticipated, but not guaranteed, that the University will request item pickup from the main campus approximately four (4) times per year. Pickups from the regional campuses will be requested less frequently. The University will make all efforts to maximize each pickup.
4. Electronic surplus items will be divided into two categories as listed below and will be stored at separate locations on the main campus. Pickups may not be concurrent between both locations.
 - 4.1 Computers and computer peripheral equipment will be available for pickup from Memorial Hall. A loading dock is available. Historical data from previous pickups of computers and peripheral equipment can be found at <http://www.semo.edu/it/helpdesk/ecycle.html>.
 - 4.2 All other electronic surplus items will be available for pickup at the Pole Barn.
5. The contractor must provide all necessary resources to haul away all electronic surplus items from the University.
6. The contractor must provide documentation of tonnage diverted from landfills. In addition, the contract must provide certification that all material is handled following the Missouri

Department of Natural Resources' Best Management Practices available at <http://dnr.mo.gov/ecyclemo/moest.htm>.

- 6.1 The contractor shall be responsible for rendering computer hard drives inoperable in a manner such as shredding. The contractor must provide documentation and/or certification of such to the University.
7. The contractor shall provide all requested documentation and certification in a timely manner to the contract administrator which shall be the Assistant Director of Facilities Management or designee.
8. To assist the contractor with identifying equipment, the University will not remove fixed asset identifier tags, if available, from the electronic surplus items. The contractor is requested to remove or otherwise destroy the tags from all equipment.
9. The University reserves the right to scavenge all electronic surplus items for parts prior to contractor pickup. The University does not guarantee any electronic surplus item to be complete or in working condition.
10. The contractor and any contractor's employee(s) shall be recognizable by proper identification and a marked vehicle while on University property.

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GENERAL CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

This portion of the IFB pertains to the bidder selected for final contract award (“contractor”).

1. The contract shall not bind, nor purport to bind, the University for any contractual commitment in excess of the original contract period, which shall be for 12 consecutive months from the date of contract award. The University shall have the right, at its sole option, to extend the contract for four (4) one year periods, or any portion thereof. In the event that the University exercises such right, all terms, conditions, and specifications of the original contract, as amended, shall remain the same and apply during the extension period.
 - 1.1 The University reserves the right to negotiate contract terms for each extension period. However, the University reserves the right to rebid if a mutual agreement cannot be reached.
2. All prices and percentages shall be as indicated on the Pricing Page of this document, or as specifically provided for by this document. The University shall not pay or be liable for any other costs. The contractor shall not be allowed any additional compensation for any matter of which the contractor might have fully informed itself of prior to the closing date of the Request for Proposal.
 - 2.1 The University shall pay the contractor, or the contractor shall pay the University, in accordance with the prices stated on the Pricing Page.
 - 2.2 Payment for all goods and services required herein shall be made after the successful completion of all requirements as set forth in the contract. If applicable, the contractor shall submit an original invoice for payment. Faxed invoices shall not be accepted. Payment will be made upon submittal of the invoice on a Net 30 basis unless discount terms are offered.
 - 2.3 If the contractor will be paying the University, payment should be made within 30 days of electronic surplus pickup.
3. The contractor represents itself to be an independent contractor offering such services to the general public and shall not represent itself or its employees to be employed by the University. The sole relationship between the University and the contractor is as established by this contract. The contractor acknowledges responsibility for filing all returns and paying all taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., associated with the performance of the contractual requirements herein, and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the University, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all losses, costs, attorney fees, and damage of any kind related to such matters. Upon request, the contractor will provide to the University evidence of compliance with these requirements.
4. The contractor shall fully coordinate its activities in the performance of the contract with those of the University.

- Unless otherwise specified herein, the contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all material, labor, facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary to perform the services required herein.
6. The University reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time, for the convenience of the University, without penalty or recourse, by giving written notice to the contractor at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination pursuant to this paragraph, all documents, data, reports, supplies, equipment, and accomplishments prepared, furnished or completed by the contractor pursuant to the terms of the contract shall, at the option of the University, become property of the University. The contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for that work completed pursuant to the contract prior to the effective date of termination.
 7. The contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall not be construed as an exclusive arrangement and further agrees that the University may secure identical and/or similar services from other sources at any time in conjunction with or in replacement of the contractor's service.
 8. The contractor shall understand and agree that the University cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the contractor or employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the contractor or any activity of the contractor's employees related to the contractor's performance under the contract. Therefore, the contractor must acquire and maintain adequate liability insurance in the form(s) and amount(s) sufficient to protect the University, its Board of Regents, its employees, its clients, and the general public against any such loss, damage and/or expense related to his/her performance under the contract. The insurance coverage shall include general liability and appropriate professional liability. The insurance shall include an endorsement that adds the University as an additional insured. Written evidence of the insurance shall be provided by the contractor to the University upon request. The evidence of insurance shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to: effective dates of coverage, limits of liability, insurer's name, policy number, endorsement by representatives of the insurance company, etc. Evidence of self-insurance coverage or of another alternative risk financing mechanism may be utilized provided that such coverage is verifiable and irrevocably reliable. In the event the insurance coverage is canceled, the University must be notified immediately.
 9. The contractor shall not be responsible for any injury or damage occurring as a result of any negligent act or omission committed by the University, including its Board of Regents, agencies, employees, and assigns.
 10. In connection with services provided under the contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act, Fair Employment Practices, Equal Employment Opportunity Act, and all other applicable federal and state laws, regulations and executive orders to the extent that the same may be applicable.

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OFFEROR'S INFORMATION

This portion of the RFP pertains to any interested party which wishes to be provided an opportunity to submit a proposal.

1. Southeast currently issues all solicitations via the University's website at <http://www.semo.edu/purchasing>. In addition to the original solicitation document, all amendments (if any) and all questions and answers received during the solicitation process will be posted to the website. Please note that it is the offeror's sole responsibility to check the website to obtain any additional information posted for the RFP. Additionally, the University will update the website upon award.
2. **SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:** Proposals must be priced, signed and returned (with all necessary attachments) to the Purchasing Department by the closing date and time specified. The unaltered, signed RFP cover sheet and signed cover sheets for any amendments, if applicable, should be placed at the beginning of the offeror's package.
3. Proposal openings are public on the opening date and at the opening time specified on the RFP cover sheet. However, only the names of the respondents shall be read at the proposal opening. The contents of the responses, including prices, shall not be disclosed at the public opening.
4. Any offeror with questions should contact Christina Mattison, Senior Buyer, via email at cmattison@semo.edu. All offerors and/or anyone else acting on their behalf must direct all of their questions or comments regarding the RFP, evaluation, etc., to the Purchasing Department. Offerors may not contact other University employees regarding any of these matters while the RFP and evaluation are in process. Inappropriate contacts are grounds for suspension and/or exclusion from this procurement or future procurements. The offeror must submit all questions no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the RFP closing date.
5. **Evaluation Process:** The award of a contract resulting from the RFP shall be based on the best proposal received in accordance with the following evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria are further defined in subsequent paragraphs. Failure to provide adequate information for evaluation of the below listed criteria may result in minimal subjective consideration and/or in rejection of the offeror's proposal package.

5.1	Cost	60%
5.2	Offeror's Experience/Reliability/Expertise	20%
5.3	Proposed Method of Performance	20%
6. **COST:** Cost shall be evaluated based upon the firm, fixed price(s) indicated by the offeror on the Pricing Page. The offeror shall not be entitled to any other form of payment or reimbursement not specifically provided for by this document.
7. **EXPERIENCE/RELIABILITY/EXPERTISE OF OFFEROR'S ORGANIZATION:** The experience, reliability, and expertise of the offeror's organization will be considered in the evaluation process. Therefore, the offeror is advised to submit a narrative which documents successful and reliable experience in past performances.

- 7.1 The offeror should submit at least three (3) references. Each reference should include organization name, contact person with respective email address, title, telephone number, and address. In addition, the offeror should provide a brief description of services performed for each reference. The offeror may utilize Attachment 1 to provide this information.
 - 7.2 The offeror is advised to submit any information which documents successful and reliable experience in past performances similar in nature to the requirements specified in this document.
 - 7.3 The offeror is advised to submit documentation of credentials as appropriate to this type of service.
8. **PROPOSED METHOD OF PERFORMANCE:** The offeror's distinctive plan for performing the requirements of the RFP will be considered. Therefore, the offeror should present a written narrative which clearly and concisely states the method or manner by which the offeror proposes to satisfy the Scope of Work, if selected for contract award. Specifically, the offeror should address the items listed below.
 - 8.1 Provide a detailed description of the operating plan to accomplish the requested services.
 - 8.2 Provide details regarding disposal locations, record keeping, and destruction of hard drives.
9. **Business Information:** As a state entity, the University is required to report minority-business and women-business enterprise information to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing. Therefore, the offeror is requested to complete and return Attachment 2 with the proposal. Completion of Attachment 2 does not affect contract award.
10. **Missouri Service-Disabled Veteran Business Preference:** Pursuant to section 34.074, RSMo, a three (3) bonus point preference shall be granted to offerors who qualify as Missouri service-disabled veteran businesses and who complete and submit Attachment 3, Missouri Service-Disabled Veteran Business Preference with the proposal response. If the response does not include the completed Attachment 3 and the documentation specified on Attachment 3 in accordance with the instructions provided therein, no preference points will be applied.
11. The attached Terms and Conditions, Request for Proposal (revised 04/01/2012), are hereby incorporated. Offeror's terms and conditions which conflict with this Request for Proposal and/or the attached Terms and Conditions could result in rejection of offeror's proposal.

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PRICING PAGE

The offeror must complete and return this Pricing Page in addition to all other information requested herein.

1. For each category listed below, the offeror must provide a firm, fixed price that the University will pay per pound OR a firm, fixed price that will be paid to the University per pound. The offeror may list additional categories and applicable prices in the blanks below or on an additional page.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE UNIVERSITY PAYS PER POUND	<u>OR</u> PRICE PAID TO UNIVERSITY PER POUND
1.1	Computer Recycling (Desktop)		
1.2	Computer Recycling (Laptop)		
1.3	Computer Monitor Recycling		
1.4	Mixed Electronic Equipment Recycling		
1.5	Copy Machine Recycling		

By signature below, the offeror hereby affirms that all prices and percentages are quoted pursuant to the terms and conditions of Request for Proposal 5796. In addition, the offeror understands and certifies the following:

- The contractor shall only utilize personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. This includes but is not limited to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) and INA Section 274A.
- If the contractor is found to be in violation of this requirement or the applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations, and if the State of Missouri has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States, the University shall have the right to cancel the contract immediately without penalty or recourse and suspend or debar the contractor from doing business with the University

- The contractor agrees to fully cooperate with any audit or investigation from federal, state or local law enforcement agencies.

Company Name

Signature/Date

**ATTACHMENT 1
BIDDER'S EXPERIENCE**

The bidder should provide three (3) references as requested on page 7, paragraph 7.1.

Organization Name _____

Contact Person _____

E-mail Address _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Brief Description _____

Organization Name _____

Contact Person _____

E-mail Address _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Brief Description _____

Organization Name _____

Contact Person _____

E-mail Address _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Brief Description _____

ATTACHMENT 2 MINORITY VENDOR INFORMATION

In order to identify information requested by the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing, please complete the following by placing a check mark in the appropriate box next to the classification which best represents your business. Completion of the following information does not affect purchase order/contract award.

BUSINESS TYPE

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Small, Minority, Missouri | <input type="checkbox"/> F. Large, Non-Minority, Missouri |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Small, Non-Minority, Missouri | <input type="checkbox"/> G. Large, Minority, Non-Missouri |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Small, Minority, Non-Missouri | <input type="checkbox"/> H. Large, Non-Minority, Non-Missouri |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Small, Non-Minority, Non-Missouri | <input type="checkbox"/> I. Female-Owned Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Large, Minority Missouri | <input type="checkbox"/> J. Unable to Classify |

SMALL: An organization with less than 500 employees.

LARGE: An organization with greater than 500 employees.

MINORITY:

An organization that has been (1) certified socially and economically disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration, (2) certified as a minority business enterprise by a state or federal agency, or (3) is an independent business concern that is 51% owned and controlled by a minority group member including:

- a. Black American
- b. Hispanic American with origins from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Cuba, South or Central America
- c. Native Indian, Eskimo, or Native Hawaiian
- d. Asian Pacific American with origins from Japan, China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific, northern Marianas, Laos, Cambodia, Taiwan, or the Indian Subcontinent

NON-MINORITY:

An organization that does not satisfy the criteria listed above for Minority.

MISSOURI:

An organization whose state of incorporation is in Missouri, or if not incorporated whose principal place of business is in Missouri.

NON-MISSOURI:

An organization whose state of incorporation is not in Missouri, or if not incorporated whose principal place of business is located outside Missouri.

For example: An organization having 50 employees, owned by a Black American, and whose General Mailing Address is Tampa, Florida would be classified as follows: Small, Minority, Non-Missouri.

ATTACHMENT 3
MISSOURI SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS PREFERENCE

Pursuant to 34.074 RSMo, Southeast Missouri State University has a goal of awarding three (3) percent of all contracts for the performance of any job or service to service-disabled veteran businesses (see below for definitions included in 34.074 RSMo) either doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals; or which maintain Missouri offices or places of business, when the quality of performance promised is equal or better and the price quoted is the same or less or whenever competing bids, in their entirety, are comparable.

Definitions:

Service-Disabled Veteran is defined as any individual who is disabled as certified by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs.

Service-Disabled Veteran Business is defined as a business concern:

- a. not less than fifty-one (51) percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than fifty-one (51) percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
- b. the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans.

If a bidder meets the definitions of a service-disabled veteran and a service-disabled veteran business as defined in 34.074 RSMo and is either doing business as a Missouri firm, corporation, or individual; or maintains a Missouri office or place of business, the bidder **must** provide the following with the bid in order to receive the Missouri service-disabled veteran business preference over a non-Missouri service-disabled veteran business when the quality of performance promised is equal or better and the price quoted is the same or less or whenever competing bids, in their entirety, are comparable:

- a. a copy of a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), or a copy of the bidder's discharge paper (DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) from the branch of service the bidder was in, stating that the bidder has a service-connected disability rating ranging from 0 to 100% disability; and
- b. a completed copy of this attachment

(NOTE: For ease of evaluation, please attach copy of the above-referenced letter from the VA or a copy of the bidder's discharge paper to this Attachment.)

By signing below, I certify that I meet the definitions of a service-disabled veteran and a service-disabled veteran business as defined in 34.074 RSMo and that I am either doing business as a Missouri firm, corporation, or individual; or maintain Missouri offices or places of business at the location(s) listed below.

Service-Disabled Veteran's Name
(Please Print)

Service-Disabled Veteran Business Name

Service-Disabled Veteran's Signature

Missouri Address of Service-Disabled Veteran Business

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
TERMS AND CONDITIONS
INVITATION FOR BID**

1. TERMINOLOGY/DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following words and expressions appear in an Invitation for Bid (IFB) document or any amendment thereto, the definition or meaning described below shall apply.

- a. **Amendment** means a written, official modification to an IFB or to a contract.
- b. **Attachment** applies to all forms which are included with an IFB to incorporate any informational data or requirements related to the performance requirements and/or specifications and which the bidder should complete and submit with the sealed bid prior to the specified opening date and time.
- c. **Bid Opening Date and Time** and similar expressions mean the exact deadline required for the physical receipt of sealed bids in the Purchasing Department.
- d. **Bidder** means the person or organization that responds to an IFB by submitting a bid with prices to provide the equipment, supplies, and/or services as required in the IFB document.
- e. **Buyer** means the procurement staff member of the Purchasing Department. The **Contact Person** as referenced herein is usually the Buyer.
- f. **Contract** means a legal and binding agreement between two or more competent parties, in exchange for consideration, for the procurement of equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- g. **Contractor** means a person or organization who is a successful bidder as a result of an IFB and who enters into a contract.
- h. **Invitation for Bid (IFB)** means the solicitation document issued by the Purchasing Department to potential bidders for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and/or services as described in the document. The definition includes these Terms and Conditions as well as all Pricing Pages, Attachments, and Amendments thereto.
- i. **May** means that a certain feature, component, or action is permissible, but not required.
- j. **Must** means that a certain feature, component, or action is a mandatory condition. Failure to provide or comply will result in a bid being considered non-responsive and not evaluated nor considered for contract award.
- k. **Pricing Page(s)** applies to the form(s) on which the bidder must state the price(s) applicable for the equipment, supplies, and/or services required in the IFB. The pricing pages must be completed and submitted by the bidder with the sealed bid prior to the specified bid opening date and time.
- l. **RSMo (Revised Statutes of Missouri)** refers to the body of laws enacted by the Legislature which govern the operations of all agencies of the State of Missouri. Chapter 34 of the statutes is the primary chapter governing the operations of the University's Purchasing Department.
- m. **Shall** has the same meaning as the word must.
- n. **Should** means that a certain feature, component and/or action is desirable but not mandatory.
- o. **University and/or Southeast** means Southeast Missouri State University.

2. APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES

- a. The contract shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract to the extent that the same may be applicable.
- b. To the extent that a provision of the contract is contrary to the Constitution or laws of the State of Missouri or of the United States, the provision shall be void and unenforceable. However, the balance of the contract shall remain in force between the parties unless terminated by consent of both the contractor and the University.
- c. The contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations.
- d. The contractor must file and pay, in a timely fashion, all Missouri sales, withholding, corporate and any other required Missouri tax returns and taxes, including interest and additions to tax.
- e. The exclusive venue for any legal proceeding relating to or arising out of the IFB or resulting contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.
- f. The contractor shall only utilize personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and Executive Order 07-13 for work performed in the United States.
- g. The contractor shall comply with the University's Tobacco Usage in the Workplace Policy. The University is a tobacco-free campus except in designated areas. Therefore, smoking (both indoors and outdoors) is prohibited on University property and in University vehicles except in designated areas. The use of smokeless tobacco is prohibited inside all University buildings other than student residential housing units.
- h. The contractor shall never have been terminated from a contract under section 432 of the HEA for a reason involving the acquisition, use, or expenditure of Federal, State, or local government funds, or have been administratively or judicially determined to have committed fraud or any other material violation of law involving Federal, State, or local government funds; or contract with or employ any individual, agency, or organization that has been, or whose officers or employees have been convicted of, or pled nolo contendere or guilty to, a crime involving the acquisition, use, or expenditure of Federal, State, or local government funds; or Administratively or judicially determined to have committed fraud or any other material violation of law involving Federal, State, or local government funds.

3. OPEN COMPETITION/INVITATION FOR BID DOCUMENT

- a. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarification, or otherwise advise the Purchasing Department if any language, specifications or requirements of an IFB appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements stated in the IFB to a single source. Any and all communication from bidders regarding specifications, requirements, competitive bid process, etc., must be directed to the Purchasing Department. Such communication must be received no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the official bid opening date.
- b. Every attempt shall be made to ensure that the bidder receives an adequate and prompt response. However, in order to maintain a fair and equitable bid process, all bidders will be advised, via the issuance of an amendment to the IFB, of any relevant or pertinent information related to the procurement. Therefore, bidders are advised that unless specified elsewhere in the IFB, any questions received less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the IFB opening date may not be answered.
- c. Bidders are cautioned that the only official position of the University is that which is issued by the Purchasing Department in the form of the IFB or an amendment thereto. No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as a formal or official response or statement.
- d. Southeast monitors all procurement activities to detect any possibility of deliberate restraint of competition, collusion among bidders, price-fixing by bidders, or any other anticompetitive conduct by bidders which appears to violate state and federal antitrust laws. Any suspected violation shall be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for appropriate action.
- e. The IFB and any Amendments are available for viewing and printing from the University's website. Registered bidders may be electronically notified of the bid opportunity based on the information maintained in the University's vendor database.
- f. The University reserves the right to officially amend or cancel an IFB after issuance. E-mail notification of the amendment or cancellation will not be issued.

4. PREPARATION OF BIDS

- a. Bidders **must** examine the entire IFB carefully. Failure to do so shall be at bidder's risk.

- b. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the IFB, all specifications and requirements constitute minimum requirements. All bids must meet or exceed the stated specifications and requirements.
- c. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the IFB, any manufacturer names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification and/or requirement are for informational purposes only and are not intended to limit competition. The bidder may offer any brand which meets or exceeds the specification for any item, but must state the manufacturer's name and model number for any such brands in the bid. In addition, the bidder shall explain, in detail, (1) the reasons why the proposed equivalent meets or exceeds the specifications and/or requirements, and (2) why the proposed equivalent should not be considered an exception thereto. Bids which do not comply with the requirements and specifications are subject to rejection without clarification.
- d. Bids lacking any indication of intent to bid an alternate brand or to take an exception shall be received and considered in complete compliance with the specifications and requirements as listed in the IFB.
- e. All equipment and supplies offered in a bid must be new, of current production, and available for marketing by the manufacturer unless the IFB clearly specifies that used, reconditioned, or remanufactured equipment and supplies may be offered.
- f. Prices shall include all packing, handling and shipping charges and must be FOB destination unless otherwise specified in the IFB.
- g. Bids, including all pricing therein, shall remain valid for 90 days from bid opening unless otherwise indicated. If the bid is accepted, the entire bid, including all prices, shall be firm for the specified contract period.
- h. Any foreign bidder not having an Employer Identification Number assigned by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) must submit a completed IRS Form W-8 prior to or with the submission of their bid in order to be considered for award.

5. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- a. All bids must (1) be signed by a duly authorized representative of the bidder's organization, (2) contain all information required by the IFB, (3) be priced as required, (4) be sealed in an envelope or container, and (5) be mailed or hand-delivered to the Purchasing Department and officially clocked in no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the IFB.
- b. Mailed bids should be clearly marked on the outermost envelope with (1) the official IFB number, and (2) the official opening date and time. Different bids should not be placed in the same envelope, although copies of the same bid may be placed in the same envelope.
- c. A bid which has been delivered to the Purchasing Department may be modified by signed, written notice which has been received by the Purchasing Department prior to the official opening date and time specified. A bid may also be modified in person by the bidder or its authorized representative, provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone, telegraphic, email, or faxed requests to modify a bid shall not be honored.
- d. A bid which has been delivered to the Purchasing Department may only be withdrawn by a signed, written notice or facsimile which has been received by the Purchasing Department prior to the official opening date and time specified. A bid may also be withdrawn in person by the bidder or its authorized representative, provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or e-mail requests to withdraw a bid shall not be honored.
- e. Bidders must sign and return the IFB cover page or, if applicable, the cover page of the last amendment thereto in order to constitute acceptance by the bidder of all IFB terms and conditions. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the bid unless the bidder's full compliance with those documents is indicated elsewhere within the bidder's response.
- f. Faxed bids shall not be accepted unless otherwise indicated on the IFB cover sheet. However, faxed and e-mailed no-bid notifications shall be accepted.

6. BID OPENING

- a. Bid openings are public on the opening date and at the opening time specified on the IFB document. Names, locations, and prices of respondents shall be read at the bid opening.
- b. Bids which are not received in the Purchasing Department prior to the official opening date and time shall be considered late, regardless of the degree of lateness, and normally will not be opened. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Purchasing Department may authorize the opening of a late bid. The following guidelines may be utilized to determine the criteria for an extraordinary circumstance: (1) University offices were closed due to inclement weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons, and (2) postal or courier services were delayed due to labor strikes or unforeseen "Acts of God".

7. PREFERENCES

- a. In the evaluation of bids, preferences shall be applied in accordance with Chapter 34 RSMo. Contractors should apply the same preferences in selecting subcontractors.
- b. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown within the State of Missouri and to all firms, corporations or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations or individuals. Such preference shall be given when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less.
- c. In accordance with Executive Order 05-30, contractors are encouraged to utilize certified minority- and women-owned businesses in selecting subcontractors.
- d. In the evaluation of bids, a service-disabled veteran business preference shall be applied in accordance with Section 34.074 RSMo.

8. EVALUATION/AWARD

- a. Any clerical error, apparent on its face, may be corrected by the Purchasing Department before contract award. Upon discovering an apparent clerical error, the buyer shall contact the bidder and request clarification of the intended bid. The correction shall be incorporated in the notice of award. Examples of apparent clerical errors are (1) misplacement of a decimal point, and (2) obvious mistake in designation of unit.
- b. Any pricing information submitted by a bidder shall be subject to evaluation if deemed to be in the best interest of the University.
- c. The bidder is encouraged to propose price discounts for prompt payment or propose other price discounts that would benefit the University. However, unless otherwise specified in the IFB, pricing shall be evaluated at the maximum potential financial liability to the University.
- d. Award shall be made to the bidder whose bid (1) complies with all mandatory specifications and requirements of the IFB, (2) is the lowest and best bid, considering price, responsibility of the bidder, and all other evaluation criteria specified in the IFB, and (3) complies with Sections 34.010 and 34.070 RSMo and Executive Order 04-09.
- e. In the event all bidders fail to meet the same mandatory requirement in the IFB, the University reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive that requirement for all bidders and to proceed with the evaluation. In addition, the University reserves the right to waive any minor irregularity or technicality found in any individual bid.
- f. The University reserves the right to reject any and all bids. When all bids are non-responsive or otherwise unacceptable and circumstances do not permit a rebid, the University may negotiate for the required supplies.
- g. When evaluating a bid, the University reserves the right to consider relevant information and fact, whether gained from a bid, from a bidder, from bidder's references, or from any other source.
- h. Any information submitted with the bid, regardless of the format or placement of such information, may be considered in making decisions related to the responsiveness and merit of a bid and the award of a contract.
- i. Any award of a contract shall be made by notification from the Purchasing Department to the successful bidder. The Purchasing Department reserves the right to make awards by item, group of items, or an all or none basis. The grouping of items awarded shall be determined by the Purchasing Department based upon factors such as item similarity, location, administrative efficiency, or other considerations in the best interest of the University.

- j. All bids and associated documentation which were submitted on or before the official opening date and time will be considered open records pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo following the official opening of bids.
- k. The Purchasing Department reserves the right to request clarification of any portion of the bidder's response in order to verify the intent of the bidder. The bidder is cautioned, however, that its response may be subject to acceptance or rejection without further clarification.
- l. The final determination of contract award shall be made by the Purchasing Department.
- m. The Purchasing Department's website will be updated upon contract award for bidders to view for a reasonable period of time.
- n. Any bid award protest must be submitted in writing and must be received within ten (10) business days after the date of award in accordance with the requirements of 1 CSR 40-1.050 (9). A protest submitted after the ten (10) business day period shall not be considered.

9. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER

- a. By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the IFB, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.
- b. A binding contract shall consist of (1) the IFB and any amendments thereto, (2) the contractor's response (bid) to the IFB, (3) clarification of the bid, if any, and (4) University's acceptance of the response (bid) by "notice of award" or by "purchase order." All Attachments included in the IFB shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.
- c. A notice of award issued by the University does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services for the University, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the University.
- d. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the contractor and the Purchasing Department or by a modified purchase order prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.

10. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

- a. The University does not pay state or federal taxes unless otherwise required under law or regulation. The University's Missouri sales tax exemption number is 10124128.
- b. For each purchase order received, an invoice must be submitted that references the purchase order number and must be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment.
- c. The contractor shall not transfer any interest in the contract, whether by assignment or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the University.
- d. Payment for all equipment, supplies, and/or services required herein shall be made in arrears unless otherwise indicated in the IFB.
- e. The University assumes no obligation for equipment, supplies, and/or services shipped or provided in excess of the quantity ordered. Any unauthorized quantity is subject to the University's rejection and shall be returned at the contractor's expense.
- f. All invoices for equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased by the University shall be subject to late payment charges as provided in Section 34.055 RSMo.

11. DELIVERY

Time is of the essence. Deliveries of equipment, supplies, and/or services must be made no later than the time stated in the contract or within a reasonable period of time, if a specific time is not stated.

12. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- a. No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by the University pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until the University has had reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- b. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with the specifications and/or requirements or which are otherwise unacceptable or defective may be rejected. In addition, all equipment, supplies, and/or services which are discovered to be defective or which do not conform to any warranty of the contractor upon inspection (or at any later time if the defects contained were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection) may be rejected.
- c. The University reserves the right to return any such rejected shipment at the contractor's expense for full credit or replacement and to specify a reasonable date by which replacements must be received.
- d. The University's right to reject any unacceptable equipment, supplies, and/or services shall not exclude any other legal, equitable or contractual remedies the University may have.

13. WARRANTY

- a. The contractor expressly warrants that all equipment, supplies, and/or services provided shall (1) conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which was furnished to or adopted by the University, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the IFB, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, and (5) be free from defect.
- b. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the University's acceptance of or payment for said equipment, supplies, and/or services.

14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a. Officials and employees of the University, its governing body, or any other public officials of the State of Missouri must comply with Sections 105.452 and 105.454 RSMo regarding conflict of interest.
- b. The contractor hereby covenants that at the time of the submission of the bid the contractor has no other contractual relationships which would create any actual or perceived conflict of interest. The contractor further agrees that during the term of the contract neither the contractor nor any of its employees shall acquire any other contractual relationships which create such a conflict.

15. REMEDIES AND RIGHTS

- a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the University of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the University of the contractor's default or breach of contract.

- b. The contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the contractor to the University of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the contractor may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Missouri for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the particular equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased or procured by the contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the University.

16. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT

- a. In the event of material breach of the contractual obligations by the contractor, the University may cancel the contract. At its sole discretion, the University may give the contractor an opportunity to cure the breach or to explain how the breach will be cured. The actual cure must be completed within no more than 10 working days from notification, or at a minimum the contractor must provide the University, within 10 working days from notification, a written plan detailing how the contractor intends to cure the breach.
- b. If the contractor fails to cure the breach or if circumstances demand immediate action, the University will issue a notice of cancellation terminating the contract immediately.
- c. If the University cancels the contract for breach, the University reserves the right to obtain the equipment, supplies, and/or services to be provided pursuant to the contract from other sources and upon such terms and in such manner as the University deems appropriate and charge the contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.
- d. The contractor understands and agrees that funds required to fund the contract must be appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri for each fiscal year included within the contract period. The contract shall not be binding upon the University for any period in which funds have not been appropriated, and the University shall not be liable for any costs associated with termination caused by lack of appropriations.

17. COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES

Any notice to the bidder/contractor shall be deemed sufficient when deposited in the United States mail postage prepaid, posted to the University's website, transmitted by facsimile, transmitted by e-mail, or hand-carried and presented to an authorized employee of the bidder/contractor.

18. BANKRUPTCY OR INSOLVENCY

- a. Upon filing for any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding by or against the contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors, the contractor must notify the Purchasing Department immediately.
- b. Upon learning of any such actions, the Purchasing Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to either cancel the contract or affirm the contract and hold the contractor responsible for damages.

19. INVENTIONS, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

The contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the University, its officers, agents, and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and copyright infringement concerning the contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

20. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall agree not to discriminate against recipients of services or employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status unless otherwise provided by law. If the contractor or subcontractor employs at least 50 persons, they shall have and maintain an affirmative action program which shall include:

- a. A written policy statement committing the organization to affirmative action and assigning management responsibilities and procedures for evaluation and dissemination;
- b. The identification of a person designated to handle affirmative action;
- c. The establishment of non-discriminatory selection standards, objective measures to analyze recruitment, an upward mobility system, a wage and salary structure, and standards applicable to layoff, recall, discharge, demotion, and discipline;
- d. The exclusion of discrimination from all collective bargaining agreements; and
- e. Performance of an internal audit of the reporting system to monitor execution and to provide for future planning.

If discrimination by a contractor is found to exist, the University shall take appropriate enforcement action which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, cancellation of the contract, suspension, or debarment by the University until corrective action by the contractor is made and ensured, and referral to the Attorney General's Office, whichever enforcement action may be deemed most appropriate.

21. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with all applicable requirements and provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

22. FILING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES

The University shall not contract for goods or services with a vendor if the vendor or an affiliate of the vendor makes sales at retail of tangible personal property or for the purpose of storage, use, or consumption in this state but fails to collect and properly pay the tax as provided in Chapter 144, RSMo. For the purposes of this section, "affiliate of the vendor" shall mean any person or entity that is controlled by or is under common control with the vendor, whether through stock ownership or otherwise. Therefore bidder's failure to maintain compliance with Chapter 144, RSMo may eliminate their bid from consideration for award.

23. EMERGENCIES

In the event a catastrophic situation occurs at the University, the University may request the contractor's assistance with the emergency procurement or transportation of equipment, supplies, and/or services.

24. TITLES

Titles of paragraphs used herein are for the purpose of facilitating reference only and shall not be construed to infer a contractual construction of language.

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