Invitation to Bid

LSUHSC Shreveport

LSU Health Sciences Center

BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:

July 21,2016 02:00 PM

VENDOR NO. :
SOLICITATION : **007000**
OPENING DATE : **07/21/2016**

Return Sealed Bid to:
Purchasing Department
1501 Kings Highway
PO Box 33932
Shreveport LA 71130

BUYER : **Anderson, Alison**
BUYER PHONE : **318/675-4325**
DATE ISSUED : **07/05/2016**
REQ. NO : **0063632**
FISCAL YEAR : **2016**

Animal Bedding

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. READ THE ENTIRE BID, INCLUDING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS.
2. FILL IN ALL BLANK SPACES.
3. ALL BID PRICES MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK. ANY CORRECTIONS, ERASURES OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATION TO UNIT PRICES SHOULD BE INITIALIZED BY THE BIDDER.
4. BID PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS F.O.B. DESTINATION OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. BIDS CONTAINING "PAYMENT IN ADVANCE" OR "C.O.D." REQUIREMENTS MAY BE REJECTED. PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PROPERLY EXECUTED INVOICE OR DELIVERY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.
5. SPECIFY YOUR PAYMENT TERMS: _____ . CASH DISCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR LESS THAN 1% WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING AWARDS

BY SIGNING THIS BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES:

* THAT NEITHER THIS BUSINESS ENTITY NOR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS IS CURRENTLY LISTED AS EXCLUDED OR SANCTIONED BY EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG) OR THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA).
* THAT IF THIS BUSINESS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEAR ON EITHER LISTING, MY BID WILL BE REJECTED.
* THAT IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THIS INVITATION TO BID, THIS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEARS ON EITHER LISTING, MY COMPANY WILL NOTIFY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY, AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE TERMINATED. THE CONTRACTING AGENCY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM SAID TERMINATION.

THE BIDDER FURTHER CERTIFIES:

* COMPLIANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS.
* THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD.
* THAT ALL TAXES DULY ASSESSED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND IT'S SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING FRANCHISE TAXES, PRIVILEGE TAXES, SALES TAXES AND ALL OTHER TAXES FOR WHICH THE FIRM IS LIABLE HAVE BEEN PAID.
* THAT IF MY BID IS ACCEPTED WITHIN _____ DAYS FROM BID CLOSING TIME, MY FIRM WILL FURNISH ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS (OR SECTIONS) AT THE PRICE OPPOSITE EACH ITEM (OR SECTION).
* DELIVERY WILL BE MADE WITHIN _____ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.

6. DESIRED DELIVERY: 10 DAYS ARO, UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE
7. TO ASSURE CONSIDERATION, ALL BIDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN THE SPECIAL ENVELOPE, OR USE BID LABEL IF FURNISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IN THE EVENT YOUR BID CONTAINS BULKY SUBJECT MATERIAL, THE SPECIAL BID ENVELOPE SHOULD BE FIRMLY AFFIXED TO THE MAILING ENVELOPE.
8. BIDS SUBMITTED ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO

VENDOR PHONE NUMBER: FAX NUMBER:	TITLE	DATE
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED BIDDER (MUST BE SIGNED)	NAME OF BIDDER (TYPED OR PRINTED)	

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STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS	Page 2 of 7
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L.R.S. 39:1551-1736; PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS; EXECUTIVE ORDERS; STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS; SPECIAL CONDITIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS SOLICITATION.

9. IMPORTANT: THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR (SEE NO.31).
10. INQUIRIES: ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BUYER AT THE PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.
11. BID FORMS: ALL WRITTEN BIDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMS PROVIDED, PROPERLY SIGNED (SEE #31). BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION PRIOR TO BID OPENING TIME IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED.
12. STANDARDS OR QUALITY. ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BID SHALL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOLICITATION. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION, ANY MANUFACTURER'S NAME, TRADE NAME, BRAND NAME, OR CATALOG NUMBER USED IN THE SPECIFICATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIBING THE STANDARD OF QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, AND CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED AND IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT COMPETITION. BIDDER MUST SPECIFY THE BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER OF THE PRODUCT OFFERED IN HIS/HER BID. BIDS NOT SPECIFYING BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS OFFERING THE EXACT PRODUCTS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.
13. DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION. BIDDERS PROPOSING AN EQUIVALENT BRAND OR MODEL SHOULD SUBMIT WITH THE BID, INFORMATION (SUCH AS ILLUSTRATIONS, DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, TECHNICAL DATA) SUFFICIENT FOR LSUHSC TO EVALUATE QUALITY, SUITABILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE BID TO BE REJECTED. ANY CHANGE MADE TO A MANUFACTURER'S PUBLISHED SPECIFICATION SUBMITTED FOR A PRODUCT SHALL BE VERIFIABLE BY THE MANUFACTURER. IF ITEM(S) BID DO NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS (INCLUDING BRAND AND/OR PRODUCT NUMBER), BIDDER MUST STATE IN WHAT RESPECT ITEMS(S) DEVIATE. FAILURE TO NOTE EXCEPTIONS ON THE BID FORM WILL NOT RELIEVE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S) FROM SUPPLYING THE ACTUAL PRODUCTS REQUESTED.
14. BID OPENING. BIDDERS MAY ATTEND THE BID OPENING, BUT NO INFORMATION OR OPINIONS CONCERNING THE ULTIMATE CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE BID OPENING OR DURING THE EVALUATION PROCESS. BIDS MAY BE EXAMINED WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER BID OPENING. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO COMPLETED FILES MAY BE SECURED BY VISITING LSUHSC DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. WRITTEN BID TABULATIONS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED.
15. AWARDS. AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER. LSUHSC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD ITEMS SEPARATELY, GROUP, OR IN TOTAL, AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES.
16. PRICES. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY LSUHSC IN THE SOLICITATION, BID PRICES MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION PREPAID BY BIDDER TO DESTINATION AND FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS. IF ACCEPTED, PRICES MUST BE FIRM FOR THE CONTRACTUAL PERIOD. BIDS OTHER THAN F.O.B. DESTINATION MAY BE REJECTED. PRICES SHOULD BE QUOTED IN THE UNIT (EACH, BOX, CASE, ETC.) AS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.
17. DELIVERIES. BIDS MAY BE REJECTED IF THE DELIVERY TIME INDICATED IS LONGER THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.
18. TAXES. VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING ALL APPLICABLE TAXES IN THE BID PRICE. LSUHSC AGENCIES ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL STATE AND LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES.
19. NEW PRODUCTS. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE SOLICITATION, ALL PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE MUST BE NEW, NEVER PREVIOUSLY USED, AND THE CURRENT MODEL AND/OR PACKAGING. NO REMANUFACTURED, DEMONSTRATOR, USED OR IRREGULAR PRODUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PURCHASE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION. THE MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD WARRANTY WILL APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.
20. CONTRACT CANCELLATION. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY CONTRACT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS, FOR CAUSE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:
    (1) FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT;
    (2) FAILURE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS, CONFORM TO SAMPLE QUALITY OR TO BE DELIVERED

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IN GOOD CONDITION;

(3) MISREPRESENTATION BY THE CONTRACTOR;

(4) FRAUD, COLLUSION CONSPIRACY OR OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS OF OBTAINING ANY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE;

(5) CONFLICT OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW;

(6) ANY OTHER BREACH OF CONTRACT.

21. DEFAULT OF CONTRACT. FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE BID WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT AND MAY CAUSE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT. WHERE THE UNIVERSITY HAS DETERMINED THE CONTRACTOR TO BE IN DEFAULT, THE UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE ANY OR ALL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES COVERED BY THE CONTRACT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND TO CHARGE THE CONTRACTOR WITH COST IN EXCESS OF THE CONTRACT PRICE. UNTIL SUCH ASSESSED CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID, NO SUBSEQUENT BID FROM THE DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED.
22. ORDER OF PRIORITY. IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR STANDARD CONDITIONS AND THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS, THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN.
23. APPLICABLE LAW. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.
24. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS BID, BIDDER AGREES THAT HE/SHE WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE IN THE RENDERING OF SERVICES TO AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, HANDICAP, DISABILITY, VETERAN STATUS, OR ANY OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR.
25. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. ANY "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY" AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WHO HAS SUBMITTED A BID AND DESIRES TO ATTEND THE BID OPENING, MUST NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING DATE OF THEIR NEED FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. IF THE REQUEST CANNOT BE REASONABLY PROVIDED, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE INFORMED PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING.
26. INDEMNITY. CONTRACTOR AGREES, UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF A CLAIM OR ACTION, TO DEFEND THE CLAIM OR ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURE, TO INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, LSUHSC, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS FOR BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION AS SET FORTH ABOVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR ACTION FROM BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE FAULT OF THE UNIVERSITY, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS OR ITS EMPLOYEES.
27. INTERPRETATION OF DOCUMENT: ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENT WILL ONLY BE MADE BY AN ADDENDUM ISSUED IN WRITING BY THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. SUCH ADDENDUM WILL BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO EACH PERSON RECEIVING A SET OF THE ORIGINAL BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENTS. LSUHSC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OTHER EXPLANATION OR INTERPRETATION OF THE DOCUMENTS.
28. ACCEPTANCE OF BID: ONLY THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR A SIGNED CONTRACT CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE ON THE PART OF LSUHSC.
29. ADHERENCE TO JCAHO STANDARDS: WHERE APPLICABLE, LSUHSC IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS AND AS SUCH ALL CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND VENDORS AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION.
30. PREFERENCE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 39:1595, A PREFERENCE MAY BE ALLOWED FOR PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN, OR ASSEMBLED IN LOUISIANA OF EQUAL QUALITY.

    DO YOU CLAIM THIS PREFERENCE? YES _____ NO_____

    SPECIFY THE LINE NUMBER (S) _____

    SPECIFY LOCATION WITHIN LOUISIANA WHERE THIS PRODUCT IS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN OR ASSEMBLED _____

    (NOTE: IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, INCLUDE ON SEPARATE SHEET.)

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BIDDER:

DO YOU HAVE A LOUISIANA BUSINESS WORK FORCE? YES _____ NO _____

IF SO, DO YOU CERTIFY THAT AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF YOUR LOUISIANA WORKFORCE IS COMPRISED OF LOUISIANA RESIDENTS?

YES_____ NO_____

FAILURE TO SPECIFY ABOVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE ELIMINATION FROM PREFERENCES.

PREFERENCES SHALL NOT APPLY TO SERVICE CONTRACTS.

31. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH L.R.S. 39:1594 (ACT 121), THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID MUST BE:

31.1. A CURRENT CORPORATE OFFICER, PARTNERSHIP MEMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A BID AS REFLECTED IN THE APPROPRIATE RECORDS ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE;

OR

31.2. AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR AS REFLECTED BY AN ACCOMPANYING CORPORATE RESOLUTION, CERTIFICATE OR AFFIDAVIT;

OR

31.3. AN INDIVIDUAL LISTED ON THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BIDDER'S APPLICATION AS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE BIDS.

BY SIGNING THE BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE.

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This bid is to be effective for twelve (12) months from date of award. At the option of LSUHSC-S and acceptance by the vendor, this bid can be renewed for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods at the same prices and terms.

All prices are to be firm for the contractual period, but wherever there is a general reduction in price which is lower than the contract price, said reduction to be presented directly to LSUHSC-S.

Approximate quantities as set forth are estimated, and the successful bidder to supply at bid prices actual requirements as ordered whether the total of such requirements are more or less than the quantities shown. No specific quantities are guaranteed. Only those quantities required will be ordered.

FISCAL FUNDING:

The continuation of the contract is contingent upon the continuation of an appropriation of funds by the Legislature to fulfill the requirements of the contract. If the Legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the contract, or if such Appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the Appropriations Act or Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950 to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

All bidders should be aware that our legislative process is such that it is often impossible to give prior notice of the non-appropriation of funds.

TERMINATION:

Termination of the Contract for Convenience

The State may terminate the contract at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to contractor of such termination or negotiating with the Contractor an effective date. The Contractor shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extend work has been performed satisfactorily.

Termination of the Contract for Cause

The State may terminate the contract for cause based upon the failure of Contractor to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the contract, or failure to fulfill its performance obligations pursuant to this ITB, provided that the State shall give the Contractor written notice specifying the Contractor's failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall not have corrected such failure or in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct such failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the State may, at its option, place the Contractor in default and the contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice.

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The Contractor may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana Law to terminate for cause

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UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE SHIP TO:

Line No.	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Extended Amount
1	Contact bedding Specify brand, model bid(if applicable) _____ Must be made of small wood chips that are manufactured from superior hardwoods (either Aspen or a blend of Beech, Birch); dried to 8% (+/-2%) moisture content; virtually dust-free and contain no chemical additives or paper sludge of any kind. The chips must range in size from 8 to 20 mesh and be packaged in autoclavable bags that weigh no more than 50 pounds.	1.00	BAG	_____	_____
2	Nest building material Specify brand, model bid(if applicable) _____ Must be made of virgin cotton fiber that won't form strings that could cause strangulation; non-ingestible, odorless, dust-free, chemically inert and easily shredded. The material must be provided in compressed sheet with perforated 2" x 2" squares that are autoclavable.	1.00	BAG	_____	_____
3	Rodent enrichment and nesting house Specify brand, model bid(if applicable) _____ Must be made of from unprinted, uncoated white book publisher-grade paper, autoclavable, non-ingestible and have an oval shape with 2 holes, one hole on either side. Additionally, it must provide for a rodents' natural subterranean instinct and offer a refuge from more dominant cage mates, while providing a firm foundation for rodents to build a nest inside.	1.00	BAG	_____	_____