

STATE OF LOUISIANA
SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
A Member of the University of Louisiana System

INVITATION TO BID
TO
FURNISH AND DELIVER
SPORT TRAINING WEIGHTLIFTING BUMER PLATES
AND OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTING BARBELLS
FOR THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

ISSUING AGENCY: Southeastern Louisiana University
Purchasing Department
SLU 10800
Hammond, LA 70402

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING: Richard Himer

PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST: Phyllis Hoover, CPPB
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RELEASE DATE: July 28, 2022

BID OPENING DATE: August 15, 2022

BID OPENING TIME: 4:00 p.m., Central Time

BID OPENING LOCATION: Southeastern Louisiana University
Purchasing Department
Property Control & Supply Building
North Oak Street Maintenance Complex
Hammond, Louisiana

NOTE: THIS SOLICITATION IS A SEALED BID AND MUST BE RETURNED BY MAIL OR DELIVERED IN PERSON. BID RESPONSE FORMS CANNOT BE FAXED AND ANY FAX RESPONSES SHALL BE REJECTED.

This ITB is available in electronic form at:

<https://wwwcfprd.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/lapac/dspBid.cfm?search=department&term=42>

It is available in PDF format or in printed form by submitting a written request to the Procurement Specialist listed above. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the Office of State Purchasing LaPAC website frequently for any possible addenda that may be issued. Southeastern is not responsible for a bidder's failure to download any addenda documents required to complete an Invitation to Bid.

**Become certified today with the Hudson or Veteran Initiatives
to gain increased access to state contracts and purchasing opportunities**

Louisiana's Hudson Initiative is a certification program designed to help eligible Louisiana small businesses gain greater access to purchasing and contracting opportunities that are available at the State government level.

The program is open to all Louisiana businesses that meet eligibility requirements. Visit OpportunityLouisiana.com/Hudson-Initiative for eligibility guidelines and to access the online application.

SMALL PURCHASES EXECUTIVE ORDER BENEFITS

The new Small Purchases Executive Order 2020 JBE 21 waives the requirement of multiple quotes for small purchases of less than \$30,000 if a certified company submits a quote that is reasonable.

- No quotes required for purchases from \$0 to \$10,000
- Removes requirement for 3 quotes for purchases from \$10,000 to \$20,000
- Removes requirement for 5 quotes for purchases from \$20,000 to \$30,000

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) BENEFITS

- 10% of the total evaluation points can be added to a certified Hudson company's bid on a RFP
- For the Veteran Initiative, 12% points can be added to a certified Veteran company's on a RFP
- Prime contractors who use certified Small Entrepreneurships as a subcontractor on a bid for an RFP are also eligible to receive additional percentage points on their bid
- Business and contact information will be accessible to State purchasing officials and prime contractors looking for subcontractors

Louisiana Economic Development offers an array of resources to small business owners. For a comprehensive list of resources provided by LED, please visit OpportunityLouisiana.com

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The Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) Purchasing Department will receive sealed bids until 4:00 P.M. on the bid opening date specified in the solicitation document. No bid responses will be considered by the SLU Purchasing Department after 4:00 P.M. Beginning at that time, bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud to those present in the SLU Purchasing Department.

Mail address: Southeastern LA University
Purchasing Department
SLU 10800
Hammond, LA 70402

Delivery: Southeastern LA University
Purchasing Department
Property Control & Supply Bldg
2400 North Oak St.
Hammond, LA 70402

Bids submitted are subject to LA R.S. 39:1551-1736; Purchasing Rules and Regulations; Executive Orders; General Conditions; any Special Conditions; and Specifications listed in the solicitation document.

The purpose of this solicitation is to set forth the requirements and specifications of Southeastern Louisiana University. The contents of this solicitation and the Bidder/ Vendor/ Contractor's bid response shall become contractual obligations if a contract (purchase order) ensues.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- 1) Bid Forms: All written bids, unless otherwise provided for, must be submitted on, and in accordance with, forms provided, properly signed by an authorized representative of the bidding entity. Bids submitted in the following manner will not be accepted: (1) bid contains no signature indicating intent to be bound; (2) bid sent by facsimile equipment or e-mail. Price alterations to bid responses received before bid opening time will be considered provided the written price alteration has been received and time-stamped before bid opening time. Any other alterations of the bid response form or foreign conditions attached thereto may cause rejection of the bid response without further consideration.
- 2) Standard of Quality: Any product or service bid shall conform to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations and specifications contained in the solicitation document. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation document, any manufacturer's name, trade name, brand name, or catalog number used in the specifications is for the purpose of describing the quality level and characteristic required. Bidder should specify the brand and model number of the product offered in his bid. Bids not specifying brand and model number shall be considered as offering the exact products specified in the solicitation document.
- 3) Descriptive Information: Bidders proposing an equivalent brand or model should submit with the bid response information (such as illustrations, descriptive literature, technical data) sufficient for the University to evaluate quality, suitability, and compliance with the specifications of the solicitation document. 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 does not comply with specifications (including brand and/or product number), bidder should state in what respect the item(s) deviate. Failure to note exceptions on the response form will not relieve the successful bidder(s) from supplying the actual products requested.
- 4) 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 72 hours after request is made. Information pertaining to completed files may be secured by visiting the SLU Purchasing Department during normal working hours. Written bid tabulations will not be furnished.

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- 5) Louisiana Preference: Preference is hereby given to products produced, manufactured, harvested, grown or assembled in Louisiana which are equal in quality to products produced, manufactured, harvested, grown or assembled outside of Louisiana. The bidder shall state his right to claim the ten percent (10%) preference in his bid response and the bidder should state the respective Louisiana location where each qualifying item is produced, manufactured, harvested, grown or assembled.
- 6) Notice of Special Programs Available for Small Business:
<https://www.opportunitylouisiana.com/small-business/special-programs-for-small-business>
- 7) Signature Authority: In accordance with LA Revised Statute 39:1594 (Act 121), the person signing the bid must be: (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 (2) An individual authorized to bind the vendor as reflected by an accompanying or as provided upon request a corporate resolution or affidavit. By signing the bid, the bidder certifies compliance with the above.
- 8) If submitting a response equal to or greater than \$100,000.00 to this solicitation, the bidder or proposer certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its response, the bidder or proposer has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not, in the solicitation, selection, or commercial treatment of any subcontractor or supplier, refused to transact or terminated business activities, or taken other actions intended to limit commercial relations, with a person or entity that is engaging in commercial transactions in Israel or Israeli-controlled territories, with the specific intent to accomplish a boycott or divestment of Israel. The bidder also has not retaliated against any person or other entity for reporting such refusal, termination, or commercially limiting actions. The state reserves the right to reject the response of the bidder or proposer if this certification is subsequently determined to be false, and to terminate any contract awarded based on such a false response.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The SLU Purchasing Department reserves the right to award items separately, grouped or on an all-or-none basis and to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities.

- 1) Prices: Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, bid prices shall be complete, including transportation and handling prepaid by the bidder to destination - SLU, Hammond, LA. Bids other than FOB destination may be rejected. Bid prices should be quoted in the unit of measure stated. Bid prices shall be firm for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days, unless otherwise specified by SLU in the solicitation document.
- 2) Payment Terms: Cash discounts for less than 30 days may be offered, but will not be considered in determining awards. Bids containing "payment in advance" or "COD" requirements may be rejected. Payment is to be made within 30 days after receipt of properly executed invoice or delivery, whichever is later.
- 3) Delivery: Bids may be rejected if the delivery time indicated is longer than that specified in the solicitation document.
- 4) Taxes: Bidder is responsible for including all applicable taxes in the bid price. The University is currently exempt from Louisiana State Sales and Use Taxes, and local parish and city taxes. An exemption certificate for state sales and use tax can be provided upon request.
- 5) New Products: Unless specifically called for in the solicitation document, 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 document. The manufacturer's standard warranty will apply unless otherwise stated in solicitation.

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- 6) Default of Contractor: Failure to deliver within the time specified in the solicitation document will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the contract. Where the University has determined the contractor to be in default, the state 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.
- 7) Contract Cancellation: The University shall have the right to cancel any contract, in accordance with Purchasing Rules and Regulations, for cause, including but not limited to, the following: (1) failure of the vendor 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 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.
- 8) Applicable Law: All contracts shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- 9) Equal Opportunity: By submitting and signing this bid, bidder agrees that he 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.
- 10) Piggyback: Other Louisiana Governmental Agencies may purchase at the same terms and conditions if agreed upon by awarded bidder.

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SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY
BID RESPONSE SIGNATURE FORM

BIDDER'S NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____ FAX NUMBER _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

SCOPE: Furnish and deliver Sport Training Weightlifting Bumper Plates and Olympic Weightlifting Barbells per the attached specifications and requirements.

I/we do hereby acknowledge receipt of the following addenda (if any):

No. _____ Dated _____ No. _____ Dated _____

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Bidder shall include the cost of transportation and handling in the unit price of each item offered - F.O.B. University, Hammond, LA.

The bidder should attach illustrations and descriptive literature of the item(s) offered to the bid response form for evaluation purposes.

The attached Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions and Insurance Requirements and Indemnification Agreement shall be a part hereof.

TO THE VENDOR:

The purchase order issued to the successful bidder shall be the only binding document to be issued against the contract. Signing of Vendor's Forms/Agreements is not allowed.

Whenever brand name specifications or catalogue numbers are used to describe the standard of quality, performance and other characteristics, the use of such specifications shall not restrict, unless otherwise specified, the submission of equivalent products.

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TERMS: Net 30 Prox., F.O.B. University Receiving Station, Hammond, Louisiana.

TAXES: Any taxes, other than state sales and use tax, shall be included within the bidder's unit price. The University is currently exempt from state sales and use tax.

THIS BID RESPONSE SUBMITTED BY: _____

AUTHORIZED OFFICER: _____
Signature (Print or Type Name)

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY
BID RESPONSE FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION -----	QUANTITY -----	UNIT PRICE -----	=	TOTAL AMOUNT -----
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ITEM 1.

Sport Training Weightlifting Bumper Plate 45 lbs Customized Eleiko Sport Training Plates Article Code 3062912-45 Colored or equal. Black Plate with White Text and Customized SLU Logo.	120 each	x _____	=	_____
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ITEM 2.

Sport Training Weightlifting Bumper Plate 25 lbs Customized Eleiko Sport Training Plates Article Code 3062912-25 Colored or equal. Black Plate with White Text and Customized SLU Logo.	24 each	x _____	=	_____
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ITEM 3.

Customization Package for All Bumper Plates Customization Package for 45 lbs and 25 lbs Bumper Plates to allow Southeastern to purchase Black plates with White text eliminating the standard plate colors. As part of this package, vendor to mold a custom SLU athletics logo with an exact PMS color match into the rubber on every plate. Black Plate with White Text and Customized SLU Logo.	1 lot	x _____	=	_____
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ITEM 4.

Olympic Weightlifting Barbell 20 kg Eleiko Performance Weightlifting Bar 3070100 or equal.	12 each	x _____	=	_____
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COMMENTS:

NAME OF BIDDER: _____ OFFICER INITIALS: _____

SPECIFICATIONS

Item 1 - Sport Training Weightlifting Bumper Plate – 45lbs

45lbs Sport Training Weightlifting Bumper Plate. Customized Eleiko Sport Training Plate Article Code 3062912-45 Colored or Equal. Color: Black with White Text and Customized SLU logo.

General Specifications:

Weight – 45lbs/20.41kg

Thickness

The thickness of the 45lbs plates must not exceed 2 inches. This ensures that the plates can be safely stored on existing equipment without the risk of coming loose or falling causing injury or damage. Additionally, plates exceeding the 2 inch mark are often constructed of inferior materials and are more likely to be subject to increased wear and tear. Plates within the 2 inch mark are much more deformation resistant and have a much longer life.

Material

Rubberized bumper plate must be constructed with a vulcanized steel hub with a shore rating of approximately 70 or greater. The shore rating of the rubber should be 85 or greater. Proper construction of the equipment ensures not only longevity of the product, but also the longevity of the surface of the weight room floor.

Warranty

Eleiko offers a 3 year warranty on all their plates. Any other warranty must be equal to or greater than 3 years.

Customization Package

The standard color scheme for a 45lbs or 20kg plate in weightlifting is a bright blue color. This color is not represented in Southeastern Louisiana University's color scheme and is in fact a common color used by many of SLU's rival schools. Bumper plate customization package that will allow Southeastern to purchase a black plate with white text eliminating the color blue in the weight room. As part of this package, vendor to mold a custom SLU athletics logo with an exact PMS color match into the rubber on every plate.

Certification

Equipment to be manufactured by a company holding IWF, IPF, and WPPPO certifications.

Item 2 - Sport Training Weightlifting Bumper Plate – 25lbs

25lbs Sport Training Weightlifting Bumper Plate. Customized Eleiko Sport Training Plate Article Code 3062912-25 Colored or Equal. Color: Black Plate with White Text and Customized SLU logo.

General Specifications:

Weight – 25lbs/11.34kg

Thickness

The thickness of the 25lbs plates must not exceed 1.5 inches. 25lbs plates exceeding the 1.5 inch mark are often constructed of inferior materials and are more likely to be subject to increased wear and tear. Plates within the 1.5 inch mark are much more deformation resistant and have a much longer life.

SPECIFICATIONS

Material

Rubberized bumper plate must be constructed with a vulcanized steel hub with a shore rating of approximately 70 or greater. The shore rating of the rubber should be 85 or greater. Proper construction of the equipment ensures not only longevity of the product, but also the longevity of the surface of the weight room floor.

Warranty

Eleiko offers a 3 year warranty on all their plates. Any other warranty must be equal to or greater than 3 years.

Customization Package

The standard color scheme for a 25lbs or 10kg plate in weightlifting is a bright green color. While the color green is represented in Southeastern Louisiana University's color scheme, traditionally it is not the same shade of green. Bumper plate customization package that will allow Southeastern to purchase a black plate with white text eliminating the incorrect color of green in the weight room. As part of this package, vendor to mold a custom SLU athletics logo with an exact PMS color match into the rubber on every plate.

Certification

Equipment to be manufactured by a company holding IWF, IPF, and WPPO certifications.

Item 3 – Customization Package – as stated in Item and Item 2 above – see attached logo

Item 4 - Olympic Weightlifting Barbell – 20kg

20kg Olympic Weightlifting Barbell. 20kg Eleiko Performance Weightlifting Bar 3070100 or Equal.

General Specifications:

Weight – 20kg

Length – No less than 2200mm/86.61in

Warranty

Eleiko offers a 12 year warranty on all their barbells. Any other warranty should be equal to or greater than 12 years.

Material

Barbell should be made of handcrafted Swedish steel with a tensile strength of 231,000 or greater. The Grip and Sleeve surfaces should be made of chrome in order to ensure longevity of the product.

Bearings

The bar must be equipped with no less than 8 individual needle bearings in order to ensure proper exercise execution and safety. Needle bearings also help ensure the longevity of the barbell especially in the humid south Louisiana climate.

SPECIFICATIONS

Grip Markings

The only grip markings on the barbell must be traditional weightlifting markings in order to limit confusion from the student athletes and ensure proper safety and execution of the exercises.

Center Knurling

The barbell must include knurling in center of the bar as an extended safety precaution.

Max Load

The Elekio Performance Weightlifting Bar has a max load capacity of 1500kg/3306.93lbs. To ensure the safety of the lifter and the longevity of the barbell, the max load capacity must be equal to or greater than 1500kg/3306.93lbs.

Dustproof Seal

The Elekio Performance Weightlifting Bar is equipped with a dustproof seal. This is crucial to ensure the longevity of the barbell and protect it against rusting potentially caused by the south Louisiana climate.

Certification

Equipment should be manufactured by a company holding IWF, IPF, and WPPO certifications.

