

# Invitation to Bid

<b>LSUHSC Shreveport</b>		BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  <b>July 19,2024</b> <b>02:00 PM</b>
VENDOR NO. : SOLICITATION : <b>007258</b> OPENING DATE : <b>07/19/2024</b>		Return Sealed Bid to: Purchasing Department 1501 Kings Highway Shreveport LA 71103  BUYER : Rawls, Lorna S BUYER PHONE : 318/675-5540 DATE ISSUED : 06/17/2024 REQ. NO : 0089126B FISCAL YEAR : 2024

TUNNEL WASHER

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. READ THE ENTIRE BID, INCLUDING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS.  
 DIVERSE SUPPLIER
  - (A) SUPPLIER UNDERSTANDS THAT LSU, AS THE STATE'S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY, HAS AN INTEREST IN PROVIDING ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVERSITY-OWNED BUSINESSES. THE UNIVERSITY IS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITY, WOMEN, AND SMALL AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES ("DIVERSE BUSINESSES") BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIVERSITY CONTRACTS.
  - (B) IN SUPPORT OF THIS COMMITMENT, THE SUPPLIER SHALL USE GOOD FAITH AND BEST EFFORTS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVERSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE EITHER CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OR ANOTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY IN A DIVERSE CATEGORY, AS A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.
  - (C) IF APPLICABLE, SUPPLIER SHALL PROVIDE LSU WITH A LIST OF DIVERSITY-OWNED BUSINESSES DURING EACH CONTRACT YEAR, THE LIST OF BUSINESSES SHOULD IDENTIFY:
    - (1) THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS;
    - (2) ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR ADDRESS;
    - (3) THE OWNER(S); AND
    - (4) THE SERVICES OR GOODS THAT IT MAY PROVIDE OR SUPPLY AND THE VALUE OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES PROCURED FROM THE BUSINESSES INCLUDED ON SUPPLIER'S LIST.
  - (D) TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW, RULE, OR REGULATION WOULD REQUIRE THAT THIS SECTION BE MODIFIED OR VOIDED, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT SUCH PROVISION CAN BE AMENDED OR SEVERED FROM THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT AFFECTING ANY OF THE OTHER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.
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

<b>VENDOR PHONE NUMBER:</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>		
<b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED BIDDER (MUST BE SIGNED)</b>	<b>NAME OF BIDDER (TYPED OR PRINTED)</b>	

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<p>BE REJECTED.</p> <p>* 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.</p> <p>THE BIDDER FURTHER CERTIFIES:</p> <p>* COMPLIANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS.</p> <p>* THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD.</p> <p>* 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.</p> <p>* 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).</p> <p>* DELIVERY WILL BE MADE WITHIN _____ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.</p> <p>6. DESIRED DELIVERY: 10 DAYS ARO, UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE</p> <p>7. TO ASSURE CONSIDERATION, ALL BIDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE BID NUMBER VISIBLE ON THE OUTSIDE. NO BID WILL BE OPENED TO DETERMINE CONTENT.</p> <p>8. BIDS SUBMITTED ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO L.R.S. 39:1551-1736; PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS; EXECUTIVE ORDERS; STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS; SPECIAL CONDITIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS SOLICITATION.</p> <p>PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATORY BOYCOTTS OF ISRAEL:</p> <p>IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2018-15, EFFECTIVE MAY 22, 2018, FOR ANY CONTRACT FOR \$100,000 OR MORE AND FOR ANY CONTRACTOR WITH FIVE OR MORE EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTOR, OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, SHALL CERTIFY IT IS NOT ENGAGING IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL, AND SHALL, FOR THE DURATION OF THIS CONTRACT, REFRAIN FROM A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. THE STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT IF THE CONTRACTOR, OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, ENGAGES IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT.</p> <p>9. IMPORTANT: THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR (SEE NO.31).</p> <p>10. INQUIRIES: ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BUYER AT THE PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	

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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 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, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, 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

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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. IDEMNITY. CONTRACTOR AGREES, UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF A CLAIM OR ACTION, TO DEFEND THE CLAIM OR ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURE, TO IDEMNIFY, 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.)  
 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.

32. AUDIT OF RECORDS: THE STATE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, FEDERAL AUDITORS, AND INTERNAL AUDITORS OF THE STATE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT AND AUDIT ALL TIMEKEEPING AND EXPENSE RECORDS OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY TO SUBSTANTIATE AMOUNTS INVOICED BY SUPPLIER WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT. THE RIGHTS OF INSPECTION AND AUDIT SHALL COMMENCE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND SHALL

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CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER PROJECT ACCEPTANCE OR AS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW. THE CONTRACTING ENTITY AND ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY SHALL MAINTAIN ALL TIMEKEEPING AND EXPENSE RECORDS RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE ENUMERATED FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD.

33. CYBERSECURITY TRAINING: IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S. 42:1267(B)(3) AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA'S INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY, IF THE CONTRACTOR, ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR SUBCONTRACTORS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSETS, THE CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR SUBCONTRACTORS WITH SUCH ACCESS MUST COMPLETE CYBERSECURITY TRAINING ANNUALLY, AND THE CONTRACTOR MUST PRESENT EVIDENCE OF SUCH COMPLIANCE ANNUALLY AND UPON REQUEST. THE CONTRACTOR MAY USE THE CYBERSECURITY TRAINING COURSE OFFERED BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST OR MAY USE ANY ALTERNATE COURSE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSETS" MEANS THE POSSESSION OF CREDENTIALS, EQUIPMENT, OR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCESS THE INTERNAL WORKINGS OF STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS OR NETWORKS. EXAMPLES WOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO STATE-ISSUED LAPTOPS, VPN CREDENTIALS TO ACCESS THE STATE NETWORK, BADGING TO ACCESS THE STATE'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLOSETS OR SYSTEMS, OR PERMISSIONS TO MAINTAIN OR MODIFY IT SYSTEMS USED BY THE STATE. FINAL DETERMINATION OF SCOPE INCLUSIONS OR EXCLUSIONS RELATIVE TO ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSETS WILL BE MADE BY THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.

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Line No.	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Extended Amount
1	<p>RFQ: TUNNEL WASHER Specify brand, model bid(if applicable)</p> <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">WITH RIGHT HAND SIDE SERVICE AND CONTROLS THAT MEET OR EXCEED SPECIFICATIONS. SITE VISIT REQUIRED.</p>	1.00	EA		

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UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE SHIP TO:

1501 Kings Highway  
Shreveport LA 71103

## **SCOPE OF BID**

The purpose of this bid is to establish a contract for supplying a tunnel washer with right hand side service and controls for the Animal Resources Departments of LSUHSC-S. Items must be shipped directly to the department.

The intent of this bid is not to establish the proposed specifications of the washer, including size and required appliances for the installation.

## **TERMS OF THE CONTRACT**

Any maintenance contract shall be effective from the date of installation for a period of twelve (12) months, and at the option of LSUHSC-S and acceptance by the vendor, can be renewed for two (2) additional twelve-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 must be presented directly to LSUHSC-S.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

The attached list of specifications represents the style or equivalent needed to accommodate the Department's needs. Successful bidder must be able to meet the specifics required or explain how a different product could satisfy the bid request.

This bid shall be awarded on the basis of low bid for all products and accessories, plus any additional charges submitted by the bidder.

## **BIDDING PROCEDURE AND SUBMISSIONS**

As a Bidder, you have the authority to act on behalf of the Company to submit an offer to sell to the Owner the specified items and/or services requested.

The Pre-Bid Site Visit for this solicitation is required and no bid will be accepted without attendance. To set up an appointment between June 18, 2024 and July 9, 2024 (excluding July 4-5), bidders should contact Animal Resources at 318-675-5651 or 318-675-5200. All other pertinent information is included in the Bid.

All questions relating to this Bid must be submitted to [lorna.rawls@lsuhs.edu](mailto:lorna.rawls@lsuhs.edu) by NOON of the set date, July 10, 2024. Any interpretations will be made only by addendum duly issued and posted on LaPAC or emailed upon request no later than July 12, 2024.

Bidders must properly complete the Bid, including all required attestations and addenda. The Bid must be signed by a representative of your company authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of your organization in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 39:1594. Any exceptions to the attached terms and conditions shall be presented at the time of the bid submission.

Bid Opening shall be July 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Administration Building, G-15, at LSUHSC- Shreveport, unless an Addendum extends this date.

**Bids shall be delivered in a sealed envelope with the Bid Number clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.** Late Bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. It is the Bidder's responsibility to make sure Bids are delivered before the Bid Opening. *Faxed or emailed bids will not be accepted.* Delays by mail, traffic, or any other reason will be at the Bidders own risk. The Bid package must be delivered at the Bidder's expense to:

Lorna Rawls, Purchasing  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Shreveport  
1501 Kings Highway, Admin G-16  
Shreveport, LA 71103  
Phone: (318) 675-5540

In accordance with R.S. 39:1581, Chapter 5, Section 521C of the Louisiana State Purchasing Rules and Regulations, when an error is made in extending total prices, the unit price will govern. All requested specifications must be bid.

Note that any exceptions may result in a disqualified Bid if the aforementioned exceptions are in conflict with State guidelines governing LSUHSC-S.

These documents must be included with the Bid:

1. Signed Invitation to Bid
2. Price Sheet
3. Certificate of Liability Insurance
4. Addenda Requiring a Signature



Selected Bidder shall maintain the following minimum insurance coverage throughout the duration of the contract:

- Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage.
- Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident, for bodily injury and property damage.
- Workers Compensation and Employers Liability: Workers' Compensation limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of Louisiana and Employers Liability coverage.
- Exception: Employers liability limit is to be \$1,000,000 when work is to be over water and involves maritime exposure.

Supplier shall perform all requirements under this contract in strict observance of and in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances, codes and any other legislative or statutory requirements.

The rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed under the law of the State of Louisiana, United States of America, and the parties hereby agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts having jurisdiction in the 19th District Court in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for purposes of any litigation in connection with the Supplies and/or Warranties. Requiring contract disputes to be resolved in a forum outside of this State or requiring their interpretation to be governed by the laws of another jurisdiction are inequitable and against the public policy of this State.

Price quotes are to include freight (FOB Destination), delivery at the Receiving dock of the Medical School Building, transport to the site, installation, and trash removal. All building finishes must be protected and the supplier is responsible for any damage to the building finishes during delivery and installation. Trash removal of packing materials, including boxes, is to be offsite.

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**COST**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Overall Unit dimensions **NOT** to exceed 23' 4" L x 6' 2" W x 7' 1" H (NOTE: Maximum length for the dirty side of the unit 19' 4" from the wall that separates the dirty and clean side of the cagewash area. Off-load should measure no more than 4' from the separation wall.).
- Minimum 12" load end section and a minimum 24" offload section.
- Tunnel opening size at least 18" H x 36" W.
- Height of conveyor belt between 37" – 37.5" from finished floor.
- 96" dryer section with convection air blower and forced air nozzles.
- Dry cycle that provides 100% drying of caging/equipment.
- 304 Stainless steel and insulated construction.
- Insulated chambers and treatment sump areas to reduce heat loss into the room.
- Right Hand Side (RHS) hinged access doors for all chambers (i.e. Pre-wash, wash, rinse, etc.)
- Interior trim panels from the belt to the cabinet wall to close the space between the interior sidewall and the moving conveyor belt.
- Multi-cycle microprocessor, UL approved non-proprietary based operational control system with a 7" or larger touch screen control panel.
- Electronic cycle data storage capabilities for data collection (i.e. RS485 port for data transfer, compact flash card, thumb drive capability, etc.).
- Compact flash card for program backup of PLC.
- Minimum of 8 fully adjustable programmed cycles.
- Powered 36" wide stainless steel continuous conveyor belt system on nylon belt guides with speed control ability.
- Pre-wash, Wash, Rinse/Final Rinse cycles with a minimum of one cycle that guarantees 180°F water temperature.
- End user preset timer/automated descaling system for all compartments.
- 2-layer curtains separating the pre-wash, wash, rinse and dryer sections
- Quick disconnect/removable and easy to clean spray header jets.
- Easy access and automatic self-cleaning debris filter screens/strainers.
- Stainless steel process piping and components.
- Splash proof curtains for access doors/panels on load and unload ends of the unit
- Steam heat exchanger (120 - 180°F minimum) and steam sump heating.
- Automatic water level control and drain/tank dumping system using existing plumbing configuration.
- Pressure gauges for monitoring steam and water supply throughout the unit.
- Photo-electric conveyor stops on unload end.
- Personnel safety systems to meet or exceed industry standards on both ends of the unit.
- Monitored drain discharge cool down injection system.
- Barrier Flange wall installation (1 wall, both sides).

- Exhaust vent collars with fan or exhaust plenum with fan to allow for a single-point utility connection for venting steam discharge.
- Built-in advanced diagnostics.
- Non-proprietary components.
- 2-year manufacturer warranty from the date of acceptance.
- Vendor provided on-site operator and maintenance training.
- Vendor shall provide an operational verification report after the installation is complete.

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**Receiving, Unloading, Uncrating, Rigging and Installation of a New Tunnel Cage Washer Unit:**

- Final connections for ALL utilities in accordance with all Federal, State and Local Codes, Regulations and/or Laws to be assessable on the right-hand side of the unit when facing the load end of the unit.
- Vendor provided on-site operator and maintenance training.
- Vendor shall provide an operational verification report after the installation is complete.
- Any specialized unloading and/or transportation equipment for moving any equipment, components or palletized accessories is the responsibility of the vendor and not the responsibility of buyer.
- Vendor is responsible for ensuring that all equipment, components, palletized accessories, etc. can be transported and move to the actual installation location (NOTE: Installation location is on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor – freight elevator must be used and the freight elevator doors measure a maximum of 60” with a 10,000 pounds max load capacity) without causing damage to and/or making/requiring any modifications to the existing building, hallways, doorways, freight elevator, flooring, etc.
- The vendor is responsible for obtaining any and all permits required for the installation of the tunnel cage washer equipment.
- Vendor must provide all necessary items needed for installation of the equipment.
- A pre-installation meeting is required prior to the start of any installation of any components.
- All plans and drawings must be approved by the buyer prior to the beginning of any work (manufacturing and/or installation).

**Other:**

- Vendor must provide 3 references for prior work.
- Vendor must provide proof of experience installing tunnel cage washers in a research animal facility.
- Vendor must provide proof of insurance coverage at the time the bid is submitted.

**\*\* EXHIBIT A \*\***

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS**

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Contractor's bid.

**A. MINIMUM SCOPE OF INSURANCE**

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability "occurrence" coverage form CG 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana). **"Claims Made" form is unacceptable.**
2. Insurance Services Office form number CA 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana). The policy shall provide coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned coverage. If an automobile is to be utilized in the execution of this contract, and the vendor/contractor does not own a vehicle, then proof of hired and non-owned coverage is sufficient.
3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the Labor Code of the State of Louisiana, including Employers Liability insurance.

**B. MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE**

Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:

1. Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.
2. Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident, for bodily injury and property damage.
3. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability: Workers' Compensation limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of Louisiana and Employers Liability coverage. Exception: Employers liability limit is to be \$1,000,000 when work is to be over water and involves maritime exposure.

**C. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS**

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Agency. The Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions. At the option of the Agency, the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

**D. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS**

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages
  - a. The Agency, its officers, officials, employees, Boards and Commissions and volunteers are to be added as "additional insured's" as respects liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor, premises owned, occupied or used by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Agency, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

- b. The Contractor's insurance shall be primary insurance as respects the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, Boards and Commissions or volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Agency shall be excess and non-contributory of the Contractor's insurance.
- b. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, Boards and Commissions or volunteers.
- c. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Agency, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the Agency.

3. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, or reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to the Agency.

**E. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS**

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of **A:-VI or higher**. This rating requirement may be waived for workers' compensation coverage only.

**F. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE**

Contractor shall furnish the Agency with certificates of insurance affecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates are to be received and approved by the Agency before work commences. The Agency reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

**G. SUBCONTRACTORS**

Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insured's under its policies OR shall furnish separate certificates for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

**INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

The \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold  
Contractor/Subcontractor  
harmless the University, State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Boards and Commissions, its  
officers, agents, servants and employees, including volunteers, from and against any and all  
claims, demands, expense and liability arising out of injury or death to any person or the damage,  
loss or destruction of any property which may occur or in any way grow out of any act or  
omission of \_\_\_\_\_, its agents, servants, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ employees or any and all costs,  
Contractor/Subcontractor  
expense and/or attorney fees incurred by \_\_\_\_\_, as a result of any  
Contractor/Subcontractor  
claims demands and/or causes of action except of those claims, demands, and/or causes of action  
arising out of the negligence of the University, State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Boards,  
Commissions, its agents, representatives, and/or employees.

\_\_\_\_\_ agrees to investigate, handle, respond to,  
Contractor/Subcontractor  
provide defense for and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at its sole expense and agrees to  
bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if it (claims, etc.) is groundless, false or  
fraudulent.

Accepted by \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Is Certificate of Insurance Attached \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Louisiana State University & A & M College

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT: \_\_\_\_\_