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SOLICITATION RFQ-0000002801 SUPPLIER # SUPPLIER NAME AND ADDRESS <div data-bbox="180 394 789 604" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>		RETURN BID TO lsubids@lsu.edu Buyer Nicole Covarrubias Buyer Phone Buyer Email ncovarrubias1@lsu.edu Issue Date 04/30/2026		
TITLE: PRINTING: THE REVEILLE NEWSPAPER - TERM CONTRACT				
<p style="text-align: center;">To Be Completed By Supplier</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> _____ "No Bid" (sign and return this page only). _____ My Company does not wish to receive future solicitations for this spend category. Specify your Delivery: To be made within _____ days after receipt of order. If applicable, Supplier's Addendum Acknowledgement/Response: As an authorized agent/signatory of the supplier, I/we acknowledge receipt of this Addendum, and _____ submit no alterations/clarifications to our original bid. _____ submit superseding revisions/clarifications to our original bid as written herein or attached hereto. <p style="text-align: center;">General Instructions to Suppliers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sealed bids for furnishing the items and/or services specified are hereby solicited, and will be received by LSU Procurement at the "Return Bid To" address stated above, until the specified due date and time. Read the entire solicitation, including all terms, conditions and specifications. All bid information and prices must be typed or written in ink. Any corrections, erasures or other forms of alteration to unit price are to be initialed by the supplier. Bid prices are to be quoted FOB LSU/Destination and inclusive of any and all applicable shipping and handling charges unless otherwise specified in the solicitation. Any invoiced delivery charges not quoted and itemized on the LSU purchase order are subject to rejection and non-payment. Payment is to be made within 30 days after receipt of properly executed invoice, or delivery and acceptance, whichever is later. By signing this solicitation, the supplier certifies compliance with all general instructions to suppliers, terms, conditions and specifications; and further certifies that this bid is made without collusion or fraud. 				
SUPPLIER NAME		MAILING ADDRESS		
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE		CITY, STATE ZIP		
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1. Bid Submission Information

All bids must be submitted electronically to LSU Procurement Services. Bids must be received at the "Return Bid To" email address no later than the due date and time specified herein. Bids must be emailed to lsubids@lsu.edu (This email address should be used for bid submissions only). Any bids sent directly to the Buyer of record will not be forwarded to the "Return Bid To" email.

When submitting electronically, the RFQ number and solicitation title should be listed in the subject line of the email. An original and redacted copy (if applicable) must be submitted electronically. Hard copies of bids will not be accepted; therefore, they will not be evaluated.

It is the responsibility of the Supplier to ensure the bid is received by LSU Procurement by the indicated due date and time. Any delays that may occur in transmission of the bid is the responsibility of the supplier. A bid will be considered late if it is not received at the "Return Bid To" email address by the indicated due date and time.

The maximum email attachment size accepted is 125 MB. It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure bid submission is sized such that it is successfully transmitted and received by LSU. If the bid response is too large to be emailed as one document, the bid must be sent as separate documents. Each submittal should be labeled. (Example – Bid Submittal 1 out of 3 for RFQ-000000XXXX - Title; Bid Submittal 2 out of 3 for RFQ-000000XXXX - Title, etc.). If any submittal is received late, LSU will not consider the late submittal(s). Only the submittal(s) received by the due date and time will be considered. Late bids will not be accepted per LAC 34:XIII.515.B.

2. Bid Opening Information

Bid openings are held electronically. There are no in-person bid openings. To electronically attend the bid opening, use the below link to register in advance:

<https://lsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvcuygqTltHtZZWmWrGBCjXxstyfiETx33>

After registering, a confirmation email will be provided containing information about joining the bid opening.

No information or opinions concerning the ultimate contract award will be given at bid opening or during the evaluation process. If an unforeseen circumstance beyond LSU's control prevents bid opening, the Bid will open at the next scheduled bid opening date.

3. Bid prices are to be quoted FOB LSU/DESTINATION and inclusive of any and all applicable shipping and handling charges.

4. All quantities are approximate. It is to be understood that the University will not be held responsible for purchasing any specified amount. Orders will be placed as needed. In the event of a price decrease the University will be notified immediately and be allowed to take advantage of such decrease beginning with effective date of the price decrease.

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These standard terms and conditions shall apply to all LSU solicitations, unless otherwise specifically amended and provided for in the special terms and conditions, specifications, or other solicitation documents. In the event of conflict between the General Instructions to Suppliers or Standard Terms & Conditions and the Special Terms & Conditions, the Special Terms & Conditions shall govern.

Bids submitted are subject to provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, including but not limited to: the University Procurement Code (LAC 34:XIII. Chapters 3-25) and the terms, conditions, and specifications stated in this solicitation.

1. Supplier Enrollment

Suppliers providing a bid/quote in response to a LSU solicitation must be setup in the University's new procurement system (Workday) for bid tabbing and award of a purchase order. Suppliers should complete the online supplier registration form prior to submitting a bid response and/or the bid due date and time to ensure bid tabbing can be done timely after the bid deadline. This website is used in place of a paper form and must be accompanied with an IRS Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification form (W-9 or W-8 if foreign) to collect the required business and tax information that support the University's reporting and compliance requirements. To inquire if you or your company is setup or for questions regarding setup, email suppliers@lsu.edu. The supplier enrollment form can be located at: http://www.lsu.edu/administration/ofa/procurement/supplier_registration.php

2. Bid Delivery and Receipt

Bids must be received and time-stamped at the "Return Bid To" address no later than the due date and time specified herein. To assure consideration, your bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope or package and should be clearly and prominently marked with the solicitation number and bid due date, or may be submitted in the special bid return envelope if one was furnished for that purpose.

Supplier are advised that the U.S. Postal Service does not make deliveries to our physical location. USPS mail is delivered to the University's mail center and is redelivered using internal resources. Suppliers may deliver bids by hand or by a courier service to the Procurement Office. The University shall not be responsible for any delays caused by the supplier's chosen means of bid delivery. Supplier is solely responsible for the timely delivery of its bid, and failure to meet the bid due date and time shall result in rejection of the bid. Late bids cannot be accepted per LAC 34:XIII.515.B.

3. Bid Forms

Bids are to be submitted on the LSU solicitation forms provided, and must be signed by an authorized agent of the supplier in accordance with LAC 34:XIII.517. Bids submitted on other forms or in other price formats may be considered informal and may be rejected in part or in its entirety. Bids submitted in pencil and/or bids containing no original signature indicating the supplier's intent to be bound will not be accepted. Bid submissions should not be spiral bound.

4. Interpretation of Solicitation/Supplier Inquiries

If supplier is in doubt as to the meaning of any part or requirement of this solicitation, supplier may submit a written request for interpretation to the Buyer-of-Record at the address and/or fax number shown above. Written inquiries must be received in the Procurement Office no later than 4:30 pm CST four (4) business days prior to the opening of bids, and shall be clearly crossreferenced to the relevant solicitation/specification in question.

No decisions or actions shall be executed by any supplier as a result of oral discussions with any LSU employee or consultant. Any interpretation of the documents will be made by formal addendum only, issued by the Procurement Office, and mailed or delivered to all suppliers known to have received the solicitation. LSU shall not be responsible for any other interpretations or assumptions made by supplier.

5. Bid Addenda

Bid Addendum is to be signed and returned with your bid. If you have already submitted your bid, and this Addendum creates a need to revise/clarify your original response in any way, you are required to submit such in writing. To be considered, your addendum response must be submitted to and received by LSU Procurement at the "Return Bid To" address stated above. Submittals for price alterations and addenda to bids must be clearly marked with the solicitation number and the bid due date/time and returned via fax, email, courier service, hand delivery, or USPS mail. Bid revisions received after bid opening cannot be considered, whereupon the supplier must either honor or withdraw its original bid.

6. Bid Opening

Suppliers may attend the public bid opening of sealed bids. No information or opinions concerning the ultimate contract award will be given at bid opening or during the evaluation process. Written bid tabulations will not be furnished.

7. Special Accommodations

Any "qualified individual with a disability" as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, who has submitted a bid and desires to attend the public bid opening, must notify the Procurement 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.

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8. Standards of Quality

Any product or service bid shall conform to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, and the specifications contained 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. Supplier must 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 product specified in the solicitation.

9. New Products/Warranty/Patents

All products bid for purchase must be new, never previously used, of the manufacturer's current model and/or packaging, and of best quality as measured by acceptable trade standards. No remanufactured, demonstrator, used or irregular products will be considered for purchase unless otherwise specified.

The manufacturer's standard published warranty and provisions shall apply, unless more stringent warranties are otherwise required by LSU and specified in the solicitation. In such cases, the supplier and/or manufacturer shall honor the specified warranty requirements, and bid prices shall include any premium costs of such coverage.

Supplier guarantees that the products proposed and furnished will not infringe upon any valid patent or trademark; and shall, at its own expense, defend any and all actions or suits charging such infringement, and shall save LSU harmless.

10. Descriptive Information

Suppliers proposing an equivalent brand or model are to submit with the bid descriptive information (such as literature, technical data, illustrations, etc) sufficient for LSU to evaluate quality, suitability, and compliance with the specifications. Failure to submit descriptive information may cause bid to be rejected. Any changes made by supplier to a manufacturer's published specifications shall be verifiable by the manufacturer. If items bid do not fully comply with specifications, supplier must state in what respect items deviate. Supplier's failure to note exceptions in its bid will not relieve the supplier from supplying the actual products requested.

11. Bids/Prices/F.O.B. Point

- The bid price for each item is to be quoted on a "net" basis and F.O.B. LSU Destination, i.e. title passing upon receipt and inclusive of all delivery charges, any item discounts, etc.
- Bids other than F.O.B. LSU Destination may be rejected.
- Bids indicating estimated freight charges may be rejected.
- Bids requiring deposits, payment in advance, or C.O.D. terms may be rejected.
- Suppliers who do not quote "net" item prices and who separately quote an overall "lump sum" freight cost or discount for all items shall be considered as submitting an "all-or-none" bid for evaluation and award purposes; and risk rejection if award is made on an item or grouped basis.
- Prices shall be firm for acceptance for a minimum of 30 days, unless otherwise specified. Bids conditioned with shorter acceptance periods may be rejected.
- Prices are to be quoted in the unit/package specified (e.g. each, 12/box, etc), or may be rejected.
- In the event of extension errors, the unit price bid shall prevail.

12. Taxes

Supplier is responsible for including all applicable taxes in the bid price. LSU is exempt from all Louisiana state and local sales and use taxes. By accepting an award, resident and non-resident firms acknowledge their responsibility for the payment of all taxes duly assessed by the State of Louisiana and its political subdivisions for which they are liable, including but not limited to: franchise taxes, privilege taxes, sales taxes, use taxes, ad valorem taxes, etc.

13. Terms and Conditions

This solicitation contains all terms and conditions with respect to the purchase of the goods and/or services specified herein. Submittal of any contrary terms and conditions may cause your bid to be rejected. By signing and submitting a bid, supplier agrees that contrary terms and conditions which may be included in its bid are nullified.

14. Supplier Forms/LSU Signature Authority

The terms and conditions of the LSU solicitation and purchase order/contract shall solely govern the purchase agreement, and shall not be amended by any supplier contract, form, etc.

The University's chief procurement officer, or authorized designee, is delegated sole authority to execute/sign any supplier contracts, forms, etc, on behalf of LSU. Departments are expressly prohibited from signing any supplier forms. Any such supplier contracts/forms bearing unauthorized signatures shall be null and void, shall have no legal force, and shall not be recognized by LSU in any dispute arising therefrom. Suppliers who present any such forms to department users for signature without regard to this strict LSU policy may face contract cancellation, suspension, and/or debarment.

15. Awards

Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive supplier. LSU reserves the right: (1) to award items separately, grouped, or on an all-or-none basis, as deemed in its best interest; (2) to reject any or all bids and/or items; and (3) to waive any informalities.

All solicitation specifications, terms and conditions shall be made part of any subsequent award as if fully reproduced and included therein, unless specifically amended in the formal contract.

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16. Acceptance of Bid

Only the issuance of an official LSU purchase order/contract, a Notification of Award letter, or a Notification of Intent to Award letter shall constitute the University's acceptance of a bid. LSU shall not be responsible in any way to a supplier for goods delivered or services rendered without an official purchase order/contract or award letter. Bid tabulations may be requested after acceptance of bid.

17. Applicable Law

All contracts shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

18. Awarded Products/Unauthorized Substitutions

Only those awarded brands and numbers stated in the LSU contract are approved for delivery, acceptance, and payment purposes. Any substitutions require prior approval of the Procurement Office. Unauthorized product substitutions are subject to rejection at time of delivery, post-return at supplier's expense, and non-payment.

19. Testing/Rejected Goods

Supplier warrants that the products furnished will be in full conformity with the specification, drawing or sample, and agrees that this warranty shall survive delivery, acceptance, and use. Any defect in any product may cause its rejection. LSU reserves the right to test products for conformance to specifications both prior to and after any award. Supplier shall bear the cost of testing if product is found to be non-compliant. All rejected goods will be held at supplier's risk and expense, and subject to supplier's prompt disposition. Unless otherwise arranged, rejected goods will be returned to the supplier freight collect.

20. Delivery

Supplier is responsible for making timely delivery in accordance with its quoted delivery terms. Supplier shall promptly notify the LSU Department and/or Procurement Office of any unforeseen delays beyond its control. In such cases, LSU reserves the right to cancel the order and to make alternative arrangements to meet its needs.

21. Default of Supplier

Failure to deliver within the time specified in the bid/award will constitute a default and may be cause for contract cancellation. Where the University has determined the supplier to be in default, LSU reserves the right to purchase any or all goods or services covered by the contract on the open market and to surcharge the supplier with costs in excess of the contract price. Until such assessed surcharges have been paid, no subsequent bids from the defaulting supplier will be considered for award.

22. Supplier Invoices

Invoices shall reference the LSU purchase order number, supplier's packing list/delivery ticket number, shipping/delivery date, etc. Invoices are to be itemized and billed in accordance with the order, and submitted on the supplier's own invoice form. Invoices submitted by the supplier's third party supplier are not acceptable.

23. Delinquent Payment Penalties

Delinquent payment penalties are mandated and governed by Louisiana R.S. 39:1695. Supplier penalties to the contrary shall be null and void, shall have no legal force, and shall not be recognized by LSU in any dispute arising therefrom.

24. Assignment of Contract/Contract Proceeds

Supplier shall not assign, sublet or transfer its contractual responsibilities, or payment proceeds thereof, to another party without the prior written consent and approval of the Procurement Office. Unauthorized assignments of contract or assignments of contract proceeds shall be null and void, shall have no legal force, and shall not be recognized by LSU in any dispute arising therefrom.

25. Right to Piggyback

Where this solicitation may name one department as the primary contract user, LSU reserves the right to authorize additional departments/campuses to use the contract as their needs arise; and Vendor shall honor all such purchase orders.

26. Contract Cancellation

LSU has the right to cancel any contract for cause, in accordance with procurement rules and regulations, including but not limited to: (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 supplier; (4) fraud, collusion, conspiracy or other unlawful means of obtaining any contract with the University; (5) conflict of contract provisions with constitutional or statutory provisions of state or federal law; (6) any other breach of contract. LSU has the right to cancel any contract for convenience at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the supplier. In such cases, the supplier shall be entitled to payment for compliant deliverables in progress.

27. Prohibited Contractual Arrangements

Per Louisiana R.S. 42:1113.A, no public servant, or member of such a public servant's immediate family, or legal entity in which he has a controlling interest shall bid on or enter into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such public servant. See statute for complete law, exclusions, and provisions.

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28. Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance

By submitting and signing this bid, supplier agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972; federal Executive Order 11246; federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Act of 1975; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Supplier agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under any contract entered into as a result of this solicitation without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, handicap, disability, or other non-merit factor. Any act of discrimination committed by supplier, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable, shall be grounds for termination of any contract entered into as a result of this solicitation.

29. Mutual Indemnification

Each party hereto agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the other, its officers, directors, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all losses, liabilities, and claims, including reasonable attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the willful act, fault, omission, or negligence of the indemnifying party or of its employees, contractors, or agents in performing its obligations under this agreement, provided however, that neither party hereto shall be liable to the other for any consequential damages arising out of its willful act, fault, omission, or negligence.

30. Certification of No Suspension or Debarment

By signing and submitting this bid, supplier certifies that its company, any subcontractors, or principals thereof, are not suspended or debarred under federal or state laws or regulations. A list of parties who have been suspended or debarred by federal agencies is maintained by the General Services Administration and can be viewed on the internet at www.sam.gov.

31. Right to Audit

The University shall be entitled to audit the books and records of a supplier or any subcontractor under any negotiated contract or subcontract to the extent that such books and records relate to the performance of such contract or subcontract. Such books and records shall be maintained by the supplier for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment under the prime contract and by the subcontractor for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment under the subcontract, pursuant to LAC 34:XIII.1603.

32. Data Privacy

By signing and submitting this bid, I hereby authorize that all information provided in this solicitation, including any and all personal or company data may be shared with LSU departments, suppliers and other governmental agencies to facilitate procurement transactions. This data will be retained according to LSU's retention schedule. To learn more about privacy at LSU, please see the [LSU Privacy Statement](#).

ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The Reveille Student Newspaper for Louisiana State University

Scope of Contract

Louisiana State University intends to establish an annual contract with one Supplier for the printing and delivery of *The Reveille*, LSU's student newspaper published by the Office of Student Media in accordance with all specifications, terms and conditions included herein.

This scope of contract includes not only the *printing* of *The Reveille* by the Supplier but also provides for Supplier inserting advertising and promotional supplements, occasional delivery of the bundled product to a specified campus site, and the printing and delivery of occasional special sections.

The Reveille currently is published in a tabloid format on 30-pound newsprint. Student Media will entertain proposals for lighter-weight newsprint. It reserves the right to switch to broadsheet format.

Occasionally, *The Reveille* will publish a special edition on 35- to 37-pound bright stock in its regular tabloid format.

Tabloid Printing Specifications

Quantities: Between 4,000 and 8,000 per publication day, as called for by Office of Student Media, during the fall and spring semesters. During the summer session, the press run generally will be 3,000.

Page Size: All Suppliers must bid in a range from 11" by 10.5" to 11-3/8" by 15".

Paper Stock: 27.7-pound newsprint or higher. Four-color on every page.

File Formats: PDF, InDesign, Creative Cloud.

Transmission: Pages will be digitally transmitted from Reveille newsroom to printing site. Supplier must have a primary and backup transmission process and be able to accept PDF files.

Deadlines: Reveille will send final plate by 11 p.m. the day before publication day. Supplier must have printed, inserted and bundled newspapers available for the Reveille's delivery supplier to pick up at the supplier printing facility by 5:30 a.m. on each publication day.

Ink/Color: Each issue will have a minimum of eight pages of color. Supplier's bid must include eight pages of color in tight registration.

Fold: Supplier must be able to half fold.

Packaging: Newspapers must be strapped securely in bundles of 50 or 100 with turns of 25, depending on size of paper, and piled neatly at the designated drop point.

Inserts: The Office of Student Media will provide publisher with inserts for inclusion into specified editions of *The Reveille*. Supplier must be able to insert a minimum of one insert in all Monday and Thursday editions of the paper, and still make the 6 a.m. delivery time.

Special Edition Tabloid Printing Specifications

Quantities: Up to 15,000 to coincide with special events and publishing business opportunities, as called for by Office of Student Media.

Page Size: All Suppliers must bid in a range from 11” by 10.5” to 11-3/8” by 15”.

Paper Stock: 35- to 37-pound bright newsprint. Four-color on every page.

File Formats: PDF, InDesign, Creative Cloud.

Transmission: Pages will be digitally transmitted from Reveille newsroom to printing site. Supplier must have a primary and backup transmission process and be able to accept PDF files.

Deadlines: Reveille will send final plate by a deadline that the Office of Student Media agrees to when placing print order. Supplier must have printed, inserted, and bundled newspapers to the designated campus drop site by the deadline agreed to in advance with the Office of Student Media.

Ink/Color: Each issue will have a minimum of eight pages of color. Supplier’s bid must include eight pages of color in tight registration.

Fold: Supplier must be able to half fold.

Packaging: Newspapers must be strapped securely in bundles of 25 or 50, depending on size of paper, and piled neatly at the designated drop point.

Inserts: The Office of Student Media will provide publisher with inserts for inclusion *Reveille* special sections. Supplier must be able to insert a minimum of one insert in *Reveille* special editions and still make the agreed-upon delivery time.

Publishing Frequency

The Reveille is published twice a week, on Monday and Thursday, when the school is in session during the fall and spring semesters. Publications is reduced or suspended during university holiday weeks, as during Thanksgiving, fall and spring breaks, Christmas and Mardi Gras.

The Reveille is published once each week, on Monday, when the school is in session during the summer.

Publication does not occur during breaks between semesters.

Student Media will provide Supplier with a publication schedule at the beginning of fall, spring and summer sessions. Publication dates are subject to revision if LSU changes its schedule of classes or by mutual agreement of Student Media and the Supplier. Student Media reserves the right to reduce the number of editions with 30 days notice to the Supplier.

The Office of Student Media reserves the right to change publication frequency.

Editorial Control and Confidentiality

The Reveille editor has final say on the content of the newspaper. The Supplier shall not edit, amend or add to any material without the expressed consent of the editor. The Supplier agrees to keep confidential all newspaper content prior to publication and business dealings with Student Media. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of contract and is grounds for immediate cancellation.

Supplier Support

The Supplier is responsible for ensuring that Student Media equipment is compatible with the Supplier's. Further, the Supplier at its expense must keep up with software upgrades by Student Media. The Supplier will work closely with Student Media to ensure proper software calibration and to achieve high quality reproduction. Any Supplier visits to campus are at the Supplier's own expense.

Quality of Workmanship

The Supplier is responsible for printing and delivering a product meeting or exceeding quality standards found on leading daily newspapers. The Director of Student Media will be the final arbiter of such quality standards. The quality measurements will be taken of, but not limited to, paper, ink consistency and uniformity, reproduction of black-and-white photos, full-color photo registration and reproduction, legibility of advertising, page cutoffs and folds, adherence to specified deadlines, uniform folding and bundling, and stacking of newspapers at the drop site.

In the event such deformities or lack of quality workmanship is discovered, Supplier will be notified of the problems and warned that if there is not significant improvement in the noted deficiencies, the Director of Student Media may declare the contract breached. Further, should such poor workmanship, as determined by the director of Student Media, be such that a portion of the pages, or part of the press run, or the entire press run cannot be distributed or advertisers charged for their advertising, Student Media has the right to reject part or all of the issue and be offered billing reductions for advertising rendered ineffective. The advertising is figured on a cost of \$16.75 a column inch, plus color costs.

Quality Control

Upon request, Student Media will be provided with a number of copies taken from throughout a press run.

Color Registration

The Supplier shall make every effort to achieve the closest possible registration of four-color and spot-color pages and to discard papers that do not meet Student Media's standards for registration. In no case will inking be out of register more than 2 points in more than 5% of the press run as determined by a spot check of the delivered newspapers. Should Supplier be in violation of this provision, Student Media is entitled to credit for the color work as well as a proportionate amount of the base printing price.

Copyright and Ownership

LSU shall possess exclusive copyright to all content of *The Reveille* and shall retain ownership of all materials furnished to the Supplier and/or created by the Supplier to print and produce *The Reveille* and will be turned over to Student Media upon request. LSU is the owner of all rights, titles and interests in and to certain designations comprising designs, trade names, trademarks and service marks, as well as certain logo graphics and symbols which have come to be associated with Louisiana State University. The successful bidder is granted the right by LSU to utilize such protected marks, designs, trade names and graphics on a royalty free

basis for the sole purpose of executing the deliverables under this contract. Supplier acknowledges this single-use provision, and further acknowledges that any other use of such licensed marks of LSU shall be considered an infringement of its federal and state registered trademarks.

Supplier Submittals

- A written description of your primary and backup transmission systems.
- A detailed list of and information about the printing and inserting equipment to be used in the performance of this contract, including speed and capacity of equipment. This data will be used for informational purposes only.
- The percent of Supplier’s bid that represents Supplier’s newsprint and ink costs.
- Three different product samples of four-color tabloid printing performed on the equipment that will be utilized for this bid and within the last year.

The above submittals should accompany your bid response. If not, they must be received within 3 working days of request. Failure to do so may classify your bid as non-responsive.

Method of Award

Award shall be made on an all or none basis to the lowest responsible and responsive supplier. A sealed pricing model shall be used to determine the supplier quoting the lowest cost. The sealed pricing model will be made available on or after the due date.

Contract Price Adjustments

All bid prices shall remain firm for the duration of the initial contract term. LSU may consider price adjustments at the time of any contract renewal and upon written request from the Supplier at least 60 days prior to the contract anniversary. No price adjustments shall be effective until approved in writing by LSU Purchasing and shall not apply to any work performed prior to approval. LSU reserves the right to accept the price adjustment or to re-solicit the contract. Any adjustment shall be limited to newsprint and ink. Request for adjustment must be accompanied by documentation deemed acceptable to Student Media and LSU Purchasing and may not exceed 3% per year.

Price adjustments will be based on the Producer Price Index (PPI) for Series ID #WPU091302 for “Newsprint” and #WPU06790919 for “Ink” as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. The base index shall be the unadjusted index published for the month and year in which this contract originates. Price adjustments shall be calculated using the simple percentage method (i.e. index at the time of adjustment divided by base index).

Example:

Index at the time of adjustment:	135.2
Divided by the base index:	130.5
Equals:	1.036 or 3.6%

Quoted price is \$100.00/m. Quoted percentage of price comprised of newsprint is 50% (or \$50.00/M). Price adjustment of 3.6% is authorized and applicable only to newsprint percentage as follows:

$\$50 \times 3.6\% = 1.80$

Adjusted price = \$101.80/M

Number of pages - Tabloid	Price Per M 27.7# or greater	+/- Price Per M 27.7# or greater in same run	Price Per M 27.7# or greater	+/- Price Per M 27.7# or greater in same run
	6000		3000	
8	\$	\$	\$	\$
12	\$	\$	\$	\$
16	\$	\$	\$	\$
20	\$	\$	\$	\$
24	\$	\$	\$	\$
28	\$	\$	\$	\$
32	\$	\$	\$	\$
36	\$	\$	\$	\$
40	\$	\$	\$	\$
44	\$	\$	\$	\$
48	\$	\$	\$	\$
52	\$	\$	\$	\$
56	\$	\$	\$	\$
60	\$	\$	\$	\$
Each add'l 4pg. Color	\$	\$	\$	\$
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LSU TERM CONTRACT – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

These special conditions shall apply to LSU Term Contracts, in addition to all Standard Terms and Conditions.

A “Term Contract” is defined as an agreement with a Vendor to provide specified goods and/or services on an as-needed basis at established prices, terms and conditions during a specific period of time (or term), and does not guarantee usage. Such pricing agreements are commonly referred to as standing agreements, open end contracts, and requirements contracts. Purchase/release orders issued against term contracts serve as the Vendor’s authorization to ship goods and/or provide services.

1. Scope of Contract

This solicitation is issued to establish a term contract for the specified goods and/or services for the period beginning _____ and ending _____, in accordance with all specifications, terms, and conditions.

2. Initial Contract Period

LSU intends to award all items for the initial contract period specified above. Award delays beyond the anticipated contract begin date may result in an initial award less than the specified contract period.

3. Contract Renewals/Extensions

At the option of LSU and acceptance by the Vendor, this contract may be renewed for _____ additional _____ month periods, or extended in partial increments thereof, at the same prices, terms and conditions of the original contract award. Total contract period not to exceed _____ months.

4. Estimated Quantities

Solicitation quantities shown are estimated only and may be based on historical contract usage and/or projected needs; where usage is not available, a quantity of one (1) indicates a lack of history on this item. Vendors are cautioned that regardless of the quantity shown in the solicitation, LSU shall not be obligated under the contract to purchase any specific or minimum amount. Vendor must supply any order requirements at the bid/contract prices, whether the total of such requirements are more or less than the estimated quantities shown.

5. Firm Pricing

Contract prices shall remain firm for the duration of the contract term; and no price increases will be allowed, unless escalation/de-escalation provisions are specifically provided for herein. Prices may not exceed the current nationally advertised and available General Services Administration (GSA) Price Schedule if one exists.

LSU is a member of the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) and the E & I Cooperative Purchasing Service.

6. Insurance Requirements

If an automobile is utilized in the execution of the contract, including deliveries made with company owned, hired, and/or non-owned vehicles, Vendor shall be required to furnish a certificate of insurance evidencing coverages per attached insurance requirements. The Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College shall be named as an additional insured on all liability policies.

7. Vendor Parking on the LSU Campus – Permits & Gate Passes

Vendors and contractors needing access to reserved, gated “C” parking lots or to controlled access streets in the center of campus for logistics in performing business with LSU, must apply for gate passes through the LSU Office of Parking, Traffic and Transportation (PTT). Visit the LSU/PTT website at www.lsu.edu/parking and the “Permits” webpage for details.

Vendor requests are considered and granted by PTT, subject to an annual fee and qualifying criteria. Vendors not qualifying for gate passes may be granted general permits for outlying parking lots at no charge. All vendors are responsible for adhering to LSU Parking Rules and Regulations (see the PTT “Information” webpage). Direct any questions to PTT at 225-578-5000, or visit their office located in the Public Safety Building on South Stadium Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

8. Vendor Non-Performance

Vendor is required to perform in strict accordance with all contract specifications, terms, and conditions. Vendor will be advised in writing of non-performance issues and shall be required to promptly implement corrective actions to ensure contract compliance and to prevent recurrences. In the event Vendor is issued three (3) or more complaints of non-performance, LSU reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel the contract with a ten (10) day written notice. Contract cancellations due to non-performance may be cause to deem the Vendor non-responsible in future solicitations.

9. Contract Amendments

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Requests for contract changes must be made in writing by an authorized agent/signatory of the Vendor and submitted to LSU Purchasing for prior approval. Requests shall include detailed justification and supporting documentation for the proposed amendment.

Contract revisions shall be effective only upon approval by LSU Purchasing and issuance of a formal LSU Contract Amendment. The Vendor shall honor purchase/release orders issued prior to the approval of any contract amendment as applicable.

10. Price Reductions

Whenever price reductions are made by the Vendor/Manufacturer during the LSU contract term, and which are offered to similarly-situated customers [i.e. those contracting under similar terms, conditions, periods, etc], and which are lower than LSU contract prices, said reductions shall be afforded to LSU.

Vendor shall give prompt written notice to LSU Purchasing of any such price reduction and effective date for issuance of a formal contract amendment. Price reductions must be offered to all departments. Vendors found to have knowingly and willfully withheld such price reductions may be required to reimburse LSU of any overcharges.

11. Product Substitutions

Only those awarded brands and numbers, furnished in the packaging/units of measure and at the unit prices stated in the LSU contract, are approved for order, receipt, and payment purposes. Unauthorized product substitutions are subject to rejection at time of delivery, post-return at Vendor's expense, and non-payment.

By submitting a bid, Vendors are expected to have sound supplier agreements in place to support and responsibly perform their contractual term obligations with LSU. Unless discontinued by the manufacturer without replacement, Vendors are expected to honor the awarded brands/numbers throughout the contract term. Substitution requests based merely on the Vendor's own elective change to another supplier may be disapproved at the sole discretion of LSU Purchasing.

Departments are not authorized to approve or accept product substitutions without Purchasing's approval. Vendors who act without regard to this procedure may face contract cancellation, suspension, and/or debarment.

12. Right to Add Department Users

Where this solicitation may name one department as the primary contract user, LSU reserves the right to authorize additional departments to use the contract as their needs arise; and Vendor shall honor all such purchase/release orders.

13. Non-Exclusivity

This agreement is non-exclusive and shall not in any way preclude LSU from entering into similar agreements and/or arrangements with other Vendors or from acquiring similar, equal, or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

14. Contract Usage Report

The Vendor shall keep records of all purchases under this contract and shall be prepared to furnish a contract usage report to LSU upon request at any time during the contract term. Contract usage reports must minimally capture and report the following: item numbers and brief item descriptions; total quantities and dollars for each item subtotaled by using department names; and overall contract quantities and dollars.

15. Contract Evaluation

LSU Purchasing welcomes suggestions for contract improvements to effectively meet the needs of the departments we serve. Department feedback relative to the incumbent Vendor's performance will be requested for consideration when determining our contract options for renewal or re-solicitation. Vendor performance will be monitored for compliance with contract terms and conditions, and reports of deficient performance will be appropriately addressed with the Vendor.

The following forms are tools for evaluating our contracts and Vendor performance, and may be accessed at our website (www.fas.lsu.edu/purchasing) under Forms/General:

- PUR512 Contract Suggestions
- PUR514 Contract Performance Evaluation
- PUR515 Deficiency/Complaint Report

16. Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds

The following condition shall apply to any contract covering multiple fiscal years:

The continuation of this contract is contingent upon the 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 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes 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 PUR530 rev 8/2011

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contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds have not been appropriated.