DESCRIPTION: Asphalt Mixture Performance Tester

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal".

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): 4/8/2013 2:00 pm

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 3/28/2013 2:00 pm

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) original and “1” Copy

Offers must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior.

MAILING ADDRESS:
Tri-County Technical College
PO Box 587
Pendleton, S.C. 29670

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
Tri-County Technical College
Ruby Hicks Building Room 114
7900 Highway 76
Pendleton, SC 29670

CONFERENCE TYPE: None Scheduled
DATE & TIME:

LOCATION: Not Applicable

AWARD & AMENDMENTS
Award will be posted at http://www.tctc.edu/Content/About_TCTC/PurchasingSolicitation/Solicitation.xml on approximately 4/12/2013. The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will also be posted on the website above.

NAME OF OFFEROR (Full legal name of business submitting the offer)

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)
□ Sole Proprietorship
□ Partnership
□ Corporation (tax-exempt)
□ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)
□ Government entity (federal, state, or local)
□ Other

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
(Person signing must be authorized to submit binding offer to enter contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)

TITLE (Business title of person signing above)

PRINTED NAME (Printed name of person signing above)

DATE SIGNED

Instructions regarding Offeror's name: Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the offeror above. An offer may be submitted by only one legal entity. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

STATE OF INCORPORATION (If offeror is a corporation, identify the state of Incorporation.)

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO. (See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)

STATE VENDOR NO. (Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for offeror's home office / principal place of business)

NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.)
(See "Payment" clause)

ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent)
(See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS
Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)

Discount for Prompt Payment
(See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)

PREFERENCES (Please note, preferences do not apply to this procurement) - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences. ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QualIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU’VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. [11-35-1524(E)(4)&(6)]

PREFERENCES - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE: Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(i)&(ii)) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).

Payment Address same as Home Office Address (check only one)
Payment Address same as Notice Address

Order Address same as Home Office Address (check only one)
Order Address same as Notice Address

In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address (check only one)
In-State Office Address same as Notice Address

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1. SCOPE

Tri-County Technical College is a two-year community college located in Pendleton, SC. The College enrolls approximately 7,000 credit students and 11,000 continuing education students per year. We are interested in procuring an Asphalt Mixture Performance Tester that meets the specifications in section 3.

2. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (JAN 2004) (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: http://www.tctc.edu/Content/About_TCTC/PurchasingSolicitation/Solicitation.xml. (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

AWARD NOTIFICATION Notice regarding the College’s intent to award a contract will be posted at the location specified on the Cover Page.

BID / PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT By submitting Your written quotation, You are offering to enter into a contract with Tri County Technical College. Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror on the Cover Page. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; “joint bids” are not allowed.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD (JAN 2004) In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Officer in writing.

BID IN ENGLISH & DOLLARS (JAN 2004) Offers submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in the English language and in US dollars, unless otherwise permitted by the Solicitation.

BOARD AS PROCUREMENT AGENT (JAN 2004) (a) Authorized Agent. All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement. (b) Purchasing Liability. The Procurement Officer is an employee of the Board acting on behalf of the Using Governmental Unit(s) pursuant to the Consolidated Procurement Code. Any contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and the Using Governmental Units(s). The Board is not a party to such contracts, unless and to the extent that the board is a using governmental unit, and bears no liability for any party’s losses arising out of or relating in any way to the contract.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JAN 2004) 

(a)(1) By submitting an Offer, Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(i) Offeror and/or any of its Principals-

(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

(ii) Offeror has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.

(2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

(b) Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
(c) If Offeror is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a) (1), Offer must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Offeror’s responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish additional information as requested by the Procurement Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the State, the Procurement Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.


COMPLETION OF FORMS / CORRECTION OF ERRORS (JAN 2006): All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself (including bid schedule). (Applicable only to offers submitted on paper.)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER (JAN 2004) Any offer received after the Procurement Officer of the governmental body or his designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated purchasing office or the governmental bodies’ mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the bid opening. [R.19-445.2070(H)]

DEFINITIONS (JAN 2004) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION.

AMENDMENT – means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.

BOARD – means the South Carolina Budget & Control Board.

BUYER – means the Procurement Officer.

CHANGE ORDER - means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract.

CONTRACT - See clause entitled “Contract Documents & Order of Precedence.”

CONTRACT MODIFICATION – means a written order signed by the Procurement Officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the contract authorizes the Procurement Officer to order without the consent of the contractor.

CONTRACTOR - means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.

COVER PAGE – means the top page of the original solicitation on which the solicitation is identified by number. Offerors are cautioned that Amendments may modify information provided on the Cover Page.

OFFER – means the bid or proposal submitted in response this solicitation. The terms “Bid” and “Proposal” are used interchangeably with the term “Offer.”

OFFEROR – means the single legal entity submitting the offer. The term “Bidder” is used interchangeably with the term “Offeror.” See bidding provisions entitled “Signing Your Offer” and “Bid/Proposal As Offer To Contract.”

ORDERING ENTITY - Using Governmental Unit that has submitted a Purchase Order.

PAGE TWO – means the second page of the original solicitation, which is labeled Page Two.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER – means the person, or his successor, identified as such on the Cover Page.

YOU and YOUR – means Offeror.

SOLICITATION – means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.

STATE – means the Using Governmental Unit(s) identified on the Cover Page.

SUBCONTRACTOR – means any person having a contract to perform work or render service to Contractor as a part of the Contractor’s agreement arising from this solicitation.

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT – means the unit(s) of government identified as such on the Cover Page. If the Cover Page names a “Statewide Term Contract” as the Using Governmental Unit, the Solicitation seeks to establish a Term Contract [11-35-310(35)] open for use by all South Carolina Public Procurement Units [11-35-4610(5)].

WORK - means all labor, materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE (MAY 2011): You warrant and represent that your offer identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award. The two underlying principles are (a) preventing the existence of conflicting roles that might bias a
DISCUSSIONS WITH BIDDERS (JAN 2006) After opening, the Procurement Officer may, in his sole discretion, initiate discussions with you to discuss your bid. Discussions are possible only if your bid is apparently responsive and only for the purpose of clarification to assure your full understanding of the solicitation's requirements. Any discussions will be documented in writing and shall be included with the bid.

DISCUSSION WITH OFFERORS (JAN 2006): After opening, the Procurement Officer may, in his sole discretion, initiate discussions with you to discuss your offer. [Section 11-35-1530(6)]

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE CERTIFICATION (JAN 2004) By submitting an Offer, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

DUTY TO INQUIRE (JAN 2004) Offeror, by submitting an Offer, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the State’s attention.

ETHICS CERTIFICATE (May 2008): By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The state may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed. [02-2A075-2]

OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE (JAN 2004): Do not include any sales or use taxes in Your price that the State may be required to pay.

PROTESTS (JAN 2004) Any prospective bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest within fifteen days of the date of issuance of the applicable solicitation document at issue. Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within fifteen days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with this code. A protest shall be in writing, submitted to the appropriate chief Procurement Officer, and shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided. [§ 11-35-4210]

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS (JAN 2004): (a) Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. Questions must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless otherwise stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the procurement officer, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an Amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective offerors. (b) The State seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Officer – as soon as possible – regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation, that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition.

REJECTION/CANCELLATION (JAN 2004) The State may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The State may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. [SC Code Section 11-35-1710 & R.19-445.2065.]

RESPONSIVENESS / IMPROPER OFFERS (JAN 2004)

(a) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.
(b) Multiple Offers. Offerors may submit more than one Offer, provided that each Offer has significant differences other than price. Each separate Offer must satisfy all Solicitation requirements. If this solicitation is an Invitation for Bids, each separate offer must be submitted as a separate document. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, multiple offers may be submitted as one document, provided that you clearly differentiate between each offer and you submit a separate cost proposal for each offer, if applicable.

(c) Responsiveness. Any Offer which fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as nonresponsive. Offers which impose conditions that modify material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected. If a fixed price is required, an Offer will be rejected if the total possible cost to the State cannot be determined. Offerors will not be given an opportunity to correct any material nonconformity. Any deficiency resulting from a minor informality may be cured or waived at the sole discretion of the Procurement Officer. [R.19-445.2070 and Section 11-35-1520(13)]

(d) Price Reasonableness. Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. [R. 19-445.2070].

(e) Unbalanced Bidding. The State may reject an Offer as nonresponsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the State even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO OFFERORS (JAN 2004) Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of the state Ethics Act. (a) After issuance of the solicitation, you agree not to discuss this procurement activity in any way with the College or its employees, agents or officials. All communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer. This restriction may be lifted by express written permission from the Procurement Officer. This restriction expires once a contract has been formed. (b) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, you agree not to give anything to the College or its employees, agents or officials prior to award.

SIGNING YOUR OFFER (JAN 2004) Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words “by its Partner,” and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint venturer involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offer must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of participant. (e) If an Offer is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Offer must state that it has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.

STATE OFFICE CLOSINGS (JAN 2004) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal government processes so that offers cannot be received at the government office designated for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal government processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If state offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference. Useful information may be available at: http://www.scemd.org/myscgovweb/weather.html

SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (AUG 2002): (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1), or (b) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends is protected by Section 11-35-1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected! If your response or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the State may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not mark the entire page. By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted
INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION (JAN 2004) (a) Offers and offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (unless submitted by electronic means) – (1) Addressed to the office specified in the Solicitation; and (2) Showing the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. (b) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, each offer must be submitted in a different envelope or package. (c) Each Offeror must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (d) Offerors using commercial carrier services shall ensure that the Offer is addressed and marked on the outermost envelope or wrapper as prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this provision when delivered to the office specified in the Solicitation. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation. (f) Offers submitted by electronic commerce shall be considered only if the electronic commerce method was specifically stipulated or permitted by the solicitation.

TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH MINORITY FIRMS (JAN 2004) Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, taxpayers, who utilize certified minority subcontractors, may take a tax credit equal to 4% of the payments they make to said subcontractors. The payments claimed must be based on work performed directly for a South Carolina state contract. The credit is capped at $25,000 per year or the total tax liability; whichever is lesser. The taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for 6 consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the credit is first claimed. There is no carry forward of unused credits. The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, "Minority Business Credit." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistanc e (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor's income tax return. Taxpayers must maintain evidence of work performed for a State contract by the minority subcontractor. Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to: SC Department of Revenue, Research and Review, Phone: (803) 898-5786, Fax: (803) 898-5888. The subcontractor must be certified as to the criteria of a "Minority Firm" by the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance (OSMBA). Certificates are issued to subcontractors upon successful completion of the certification process. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to: Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance, Phone: (803) 734-0657, Fax: (803) 734-2498. Reference: SC §11-35-5010 – Definition for Minority Subcontractor & SC §11-35-5230 (B) – Regulations for Negotiating with State Minority Firms.

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (JAN 2004): (a) If Offeror is owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (b) of this provision, Offeror shall submit with its Offer the name and TIN of common parent. (b) Definitions: "Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member. "Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number. (c) If Offeror does not have a TIN, Offeror shall indicate if either a TIN has been applied for or a TIN is not required. If a TIN is not required, indicate whether (i) Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States; (ii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a state or local government; (iii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; or (iv) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER (JAN 2004) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid. The withdrawal and correction of Offers is governed by S.C. Code Section 11-35-1520 and Regulation 19-445.2085.

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE – LABELING (JAN 2006): Include offeror's name on the cover of any specifications or descriptive literature submitted with your offer.
MAIL PICKUP: Tri-County Technical College picks up all mail from the US Postal Service once daily around 10:00 AM (excluding weekends and holidays). See provision entitled Deadline for Submission of Offer.

3. SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS

We are interested in procuring an Asphalt Mixture Performance Tester that Tri-County Technical College determines to meet the specifications listed below:

1) Must be capable of performing AASHTO TP 79-12.
2) Must include complete AMPT apparatus.
3) Must include a computer with operational software.
4) Must include delivery and installation in lab at Tri-County Technical College.
5) Delivery must be guaranteed by 8/2/2013.
6) Must include one full day of training on-site at Tri-County Technical College in Pendleton, including travel expenses for trainer.
7) A minimum of One year warranty on parts, equipment, and labor.
8) Quote must also include a separately-priced option for complete asphalt fatigue testing add-on to AMPT.

Include documentation stating Make, Model, and all information that shows the above specifications are met. Delivery, installation, and training will be coordinated with staff at Tri-County Technical College.

The College reserves the right to purchase all or none of the item based on the cost and the availability of funding and the ability to meet the 8/2/2013 delivery date.

If the delivery date of 8/2/2013 is not met, the College reserves the right to cancel the order in its entirety.

Invoices must be sent to Tri-County Technical College, Attn: Accounts Payable, PO Box 587, Pendleton, SC  29670.

DELIVERY DATE - SPECIFIED (JAN 2006): Delivery shall be made no later than 8/2/2013. Contractor may deliver item prior to the delivery date.

DELIVERY / PERFORMANCE LOCATION - SPECIFIED (JAN 2006): After award, all deliveries shall be made and all services provided to the following address, unless otherwise specified:

Unless otherwise specified, all deliveries shall be made to the following address:
Tri-County Technical College
McKissick Building
7900 Highway 76
Pendleton, SC  29670

QUALITY – NEW (JAN 2006): All items must be new.

TRAINING (JAN 2006): Upon request, contractor shall train and demonstrate equipment within 10 days after delivery.

4. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT

Bidders must submit detailed descriptions of how each of the specifications listed in Section 3 above will be accomplished and an expected timeline of delivery.

Bidders must submit pricing on the included sheet in Section 8.

To be responsive, Bidders must address each line item in Section 3.

Bidders should also submit a current W9 with their bid.

Responses must be received on or prior to April 8th 2013 at 2:00 PM in order to be considered responsive. Responses sent by US Postal service must be mailed to Tri County Technical College, Attn: Kristal Doherty, PO Box 587, Pendleton, SC 29670. Responses which are sent by a delivery company (ex. UPS, DHL, FedEx) should be delivered to Receiving at Tri County Technical College, Attn: Kristal Doherty, 7900 Highway 76, Pendleton, SC 29670. Hand deliveries may be made to this address to the Ruby Hicks Library/Administration Building, Room 114. Responses must include the solicitation number on the outside of the envelope.

Written questions must be submitted by email to kdoherty@tctc.edu prior to 3/28/2013 at 2:00 PM. Answers to written questions and any amendments will be posted on Tri County Technical College’s purchasing website which is
INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT – GENERAL (JAN 2006): Offeror shall submit a signed Cover Page and Page Two. Offeror should submit all other information and documents requested in this part and in parts II.B. Special Instructions; III. Scope of Work; V. Qualifications; VIII. Bidding Schedule/Price Proposal; and any appropriate attachments addressed in section IX. Attachments to Solicitations.

MINORITY PARTICIPATION (JAN 2006)
Is the bidder a South Carolina Certified Minority Business? □ Yes □ NO
Is the bidder a Minority Business certified by another governmental entity? □ Yes □ NO
If so, please list the certifying governmental entity: _________________________
Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? □ Yes □ No
If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? □ Yes □ No
Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? □ Yes □ No
If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? □ Yes □ No
If a certified Minority Business is participating in this contract, please indicate all categories for which the Business is certified:
□ Traditional minority
□ Traditional minority, but female
□ Women (Caucasian females)
□ Hispanic minorities
□ DOT referral (Traditional minority)
□ DOT referral (Caucasian female)
□ Temporary certification
□ SBA 8 (a) certification referral
□ Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)
(If more than one minority contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.)

5. QUALIFICATIONS

QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR (JAN 2006) To be eligible for award of a contract, a prospective contractor must be responsible. In evaluating an Offeror’s responsibility, the State Standards of Responsibility [R.19-445.2125] and information from any other source may be considered. An Offeror must, upon request of the State, furnish satisfactory evidence of its ability to meet all contractual requirements. Unreasonable failure to supply information promptly in connection with a responsibility inquiry may be grounds for determining that you are ineligible to receive an award. S.C. Code Section 11-35-1810.

6. AWARD CRITERIA

AWARD TO ONE OFFEROR (JAN 2006): Award will be made to one Offeror.

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who meets the delivery date.

Right to Reject

The College reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted and to request additional information from all vendors for issues concerning price or delivery. Delivery must be guaranteed by 8/2/2013; otherwise the College reserves the right to cancel the order in its entirety.

7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ASSIGNMENT (JAN 2006): No contract or its provisions may be assigned, sublet, or transferred without the written consent of the Procurement Officer.
BANKRUPTCY (JAN 2006): (a) Notice. In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to the Using Governmental Unit. This notification shall be furnished within five (5) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all State contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the State upon the contractor’s insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

CHOICE-OF-LAW (JAN 2006): The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term “Agreement” means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

DISPUTES (JAN 2006): (1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Richland County, State of South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by the Government regarding the Agreement is not a waiver of either the Government's sovereign immunity or the Government's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United State's Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect.

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (JAN 2006)
(a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the offeror. As an alternative to offering a discount for prompt payment in conjunction with the offer, offerors awarded contracts may include discounts for prompt payment on individual invoices.

(b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. If the Contractor has not placed a date on the invoice, the due date shall be calculated from the date the designated billing office receives a proper invoice, provided the state annotates such invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or, for an electronic funds transfer, the specified payment date. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day.

FALSE CLAIMS (JAN 2006): According to the S.C. Code of Laws § 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a crime.

FIXED PRICING REQUIRED (JAN 2006): Any pricing provided by contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Except as otherwise provided in this solicitation, contractor’s price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms. This clause does not prohibit contractor from offering lower pricing after award.

INDEMNIFICATION - THIRD PARTY CLAIMS (JAN 2006): Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, Contractor shall defend and indemnify the State of South Carolina, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees against all suits or claims of any nature (and all damages, settlement
sums paid by the State to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the State for any loss (such as the assessment of additional
payments, attorneys’ fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities attributable thereto) by any third party which arise out of, or
result in any way from, any defect in the goods or services acquired hereunder or from any act or omission of Contractor, its
subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants or agents. Contractor shall be given written notice of any suit or claim.
State shall allow Contractor to defend such claim so long as such defense is diligently and capably prosecuted through legal
counsel. State shall allow Contractor to settle such suit or claim so long as (i) all settlement payments are made by (and any
defered settlement payments are the sole liability of) Contractor, and (ii) the settlement imposes no non-monetary obligation
upon State. State shall not admit liability or agree to a settlement or other disposition of the suit or claim, in whole or in part,
without the prior written consent of Contractor. State shall reasonably cooperate with Contractor’s defense of such suit or
claim. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination of the parties’ agreement.

MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP (JAN 2006): Unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract, all equipment,
material, and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the
purpose intended.

NON-INDEMNIFICATION (JAN 2006): Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify anyone.

NOTICE (JAN 2006): (A) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual
delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the
recipient's device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail,
if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used. (B) Notice to contractor
shall be to the address identified as the Notice Address on Page Two. Notice to the state shall be to the Procurement
Officer's address on the Cover Page. Either party may designate a different address for notice by giving notice in accordance
with this paragraph.

PAYMENT (JAN 2006): (a) The Using Governmental Unit shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or
vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less
any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified in this contract, including the purchase order, payment
shall not be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government. (b) Unless the purchase order specifies another method
of payment, payment will be made by check. (c) Payment and interest shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section
11-35-45. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is
applicable.

PUBLICITY (JAN 2006): Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by College employees, or include the College
in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

PURCHASE ORDERS (JAN 2006): Contractor shall not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the
College. The College shall order any supplies or services to be furnished under this contract by issuing a purchase order.
Purchase orders may be used to elect any options available under this contract, e.g., quantity, item, delivery date, payment
method, but are subject to all terms and conditions of this contract. Purchase orders may be electronic. No particular form is
required. An order placed pursuant to the purchasing card provision qualifies as a purchase order.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES (JAN 2006): Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venturer of the other.
Neither party has the right or ability to bind the other to any agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability
on behalf of the other party.

SETOFF (JAN 2006): The College shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights
shall include, but not be limited to, the College’s option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the
Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the College with regard to this contract, any other
contract with any state department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract,
plus any amounts due and owing to the College for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee
delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto.

SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS (JAN 2006): The Parties’ rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond
the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or
expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third
Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.

TAXES (JAN 2006): Any tax the contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products
shall be paid by the State, and such sums shall be due and payable to the contractor upon acceptance. Any personal
property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by the State. It shall be solely the State's obligation, after payment to
contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor
agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid
to contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities,
sums paid by the State to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the State for any loss (such as the assessment of additional
interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor’s net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS (JAN 2006): Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled. In the event of a cancellation pursuant to this paragraph, contractor will be reimbursed the resulting unamortized, reasonably incurred, nonrecurring costs. Contractor will not be reimbursed any costs amortized beyond the initial contract term.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY (JAN 2006): This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Contract as a third party beneficiary or otherwise.

WAIVER (JAN 2006) The State does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the Procurement Officer has actual authority to waive any of the State’s rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

WARRANTY – ONE YEAR (JAN 2006): Contractor warrants all items acquired shall conform to all contractor’s representations, the requirements of this contract, and all published documentation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – B. SPECIAL

CHANGES (JAN 2006): 
(1) Contract Modification. By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Procurement Officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following: 
(a) drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the [State] in accordance therewith; 
(b) method of shipment or packing; 
(c) place of delivery; 
(d) description of services to be performed; 
(e) time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); or, 
(f) place of performance of the services. 
Subparagraphs (a) to (c) apply only if supplies are furnished under this contract. Subparagraphs (d) to (f) apply only if services are performed under this contract. 
(2) Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance. If any such change increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the State promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion. 
(3) Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written contract modification under Paragraph (1) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment. Later notification shall not bar the contractor's claim unless the State is prejudiced by the delay in notification. 
(4) Claim Barred After Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS (JAN 2006): During the term of the contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

CONTRACT LIMITATIONS (JAN 2006): No sales may be made pursuant to this contract for any item or service that is not expressly listed. No sales may be made pursuant to this contract after expiration of this contract. Violation of this provision may result in termination of this contract and may subject contractor to suspension or debarment.

DEFAULT (JAN 2006):

(a)(1) The College may, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to-
(i) Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension;

(ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause); or

(iii) Perform any of the other material provisions of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause).

(2) The College's right to terminate this contract under subdivisions (a)(1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this clause, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Procurement Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Procurement Officer specifying the failure.

(b) If the College terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Procurement Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the College for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.

(c) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

(d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

(e) If this contract is terminated for default, the College may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the College, as directed by the Procurement Officer, any (1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the College has an interest.

(f) The College shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Procurement Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property; if the parties fail to agree, the Procurement Officer shall set an amount subject to the Contractor's rights under the Disputes clause. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The College may withhold from these amounts any sum the Procurement Officer determines to be necessary to protect the College against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(g) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the College, be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the College. If, in the foregoing circumstances, this contract does not contain a clause providing for termination for convenience of the College, the contract shall be adjusted to compensate for such termination and the contract modified accordingly subject to the contractor's rights under the Disputes clause.

(h) The rights and remedies of the College in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

DISPOSAL OF PACKAGING (JAN 2006): Contractor shall dispose of all wrappings, crating, and other disposable materials pertaining to this contract at the end of each working day and upon completion of installation.

SHIPPING / RISK OF LOSS: F.O.B. Destination. Destination is the McKissick Building of Tri-County Technical College, or other location, as specified herein. (See Delivery clause)

STORAGE OF MATERIALS (JAN 2006): Absent approval of the using governmental unit, Contractor shall not store items on the premises of the using governmental unit prior to the time set for installation.
### PRICE PROPOSAL

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***Do not include sales tax in price***

By signing this document, you agree that your product complies with all specifications in the bid unless specifically stated in your response and you agree to all stated Terms and Conditions.

Date available for delivery (Days ARO, must be prior to 8/2/2013):

Vendor (Company name):

Authorized Signature:

Name of Authorized Person (Print Name): Date
OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST
AVOID COMMON PROPOSAL MISTAKES

Review this checklist prior to submitting your proposal.
If you fail to follow this checklist, you risk having your proposal rejected.

- **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF YOUR STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS!**

- **UNLESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED, DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL BOILERPLATE CONTRACT CLAUSES.**

- **REREAD YOUR ENTIRE PROPOSAL TO MAKE SURE YOUR PROPOSAL DOES NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO ANY OF THE STATE’S MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.**

- **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPERLY MARKED ALL PROTECTED, CONFIDENTIAL, OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ENTITLED: SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. **DO NOT MARK YOUR ENTIRE PROPOSAL AS CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, OR PROTECTED! **DO NOT INCLUDE A LEGEND ON THE COVER STATING THAT YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE IS NOT TO BE RELEASED!**

- **HAVE YOU PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED ALL AMENDMENTS? INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE AN AMENDMENT SHOULD APPEAR IN ALL AMENDMENTS ISSUED.**

- **MAKE SURE YOUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES A COPY OF THE SOLICITATION COVER PAGE. MAKE SURE THE COVER PAGE IS SIGNED BY A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACTUALLY BIND YOUR BUSINESS.**

- **MAKE SURE YOUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED.**

- **CHECK TO ENSURE YOUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES EVERYTHING REQUESTED!**

- **IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION, DO NOT RAISE THOSE CONCERNS IN YOUR RESPONSE! AFTER OPENING, IT IS TOO LATE! THIS SOLICITATION INCLUDES A QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD, RAISE YOUR QUESTIONS AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS! PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE HEADING "SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS".**

This checklist is included only as a reminder to help offerors avoid common mistakes. Responsiveness will be evaluated against the solicitation, *not* against this checklist. You do not need to return this checklist with your response.
Withholding Requirements for Payments to Nonresidents: Section 12-8-550 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires persons hiring or contracting with a nonresident conducting a business or performing personal services of a temporary nature within South Carolina to withhold 2% of each payment made to the nonresident. The withholding requirement does not apply to (1) payments on purchase orders for tangible personal property when the payments are not accompanied by services to be performed in South Carolina, (2) nonresidents who are not conducting business in South Carolina, (3) nonresidents for contracts that do not exceed $10,000 in a calendar year, or (4) payments to a nonresident who (a) registers with either the S.C. Department of Revenue or the S.C. Secretary of State and (b) submits a Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to the person letting the contract.

The withholding requirement applies to every governmental entity that uses a contract ("Using Entity"). Nonresidents should submit a separate copy of the Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to every Using Entity that makes payment to the nonresident pursuant to this solicitation. Once submitted, an affidavit is valid for all contracts between the nonresident and the Using Entity, unless the Using Entity receives notice from the Department of Revenue that the exemption from withholding has been revoked.

Section 12-8-540 requires persons making payment to a nonresident taxpayer of rentals or royalties at a rate of $1,200.00 or more a year for the use of or for the privilege of using property in South Carolina to withhold 7% of the total of each payment made to a nonresident taxpayer who is not a corporation and 5% if the payment is made to a corporation. Contact the Department of Revenue for any applicable exceptions.

For information about other withholding requirements (e.g., employee withholding), contact the Withholding Section at the South Carolina Department of Revenue at 803-898-5383 or visit the Department’s website at www.sctax.org.

This notice is for informational purposes only. This agency does not administer and has no authority over tax issues. All registration questions should be directed to the License and Registration Section at 803-898-5872 or to the South Carolina Department of Revenue, Registration Unit, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0140. All withholding questions should be directed to the Withholding Section at 803-898-5383.
The undersigned nonresident taxpayer on oath, being first duly sworn, hereby certifies as follows:

1. Name of Nonresident Taxpayer: ____________________________

2. Trade Name, if applicable (Doing Business As): ____________________________

3. Mailing Address: ____________________________

4. Federal Identification Number: ____________________________

5. Hiring or Contracting with:
   Name: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________

   Receiving Rentals or Royalties From:
   Name: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________

   Beneficiary of Trusts and Estates:
   Name: ____________________________
   Address: ____________________________

6. I hereby certify that the above named nonresident taxpayer is currently registered with
   (check the appropriate box):
   ☐ The South Carolina Secretary of State or
   ☐ The South Carolina Department of Revenue

   Date of Registration: ____________________________

7. I understand that by this registration, the above named nonresident taxpayer has agreed to be subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the courts of South Carolina to determine its South Carolina tax liability, including estimated taxes, together with any related interest and penalties.

8. I understand the South Carolina Department of Revenue may revoke the withholding exemption granted under Code Sections 12-8-540 (rentals), 12-8-550 (temporarily doing business or professional services in South Carolina), and 12-8-570 (distributions to nonresident beneficiary by trusts or estates) at any time it determines that the above named nonresident taxpayer is not cooperating with the Department in the determination of its correct South Carolina tax liability.

The undersigned understands that any false statement contained herein could be punished by fine, imprisonment or both.

Recognizing that I am subject to the criminal penalties under Code Section 12-54-44 (B) (6) (a) (i), I declare that I have examined this affidavit and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Nonresident Taxpayer (Owner, Partner or Corporate Officer, when relevant) ____________________________ (Seal) ____________________________ Date ____________________________

If Corporate officer state title: ____________________________

(Name - Please Print)

Mail to: The company or individual you are contracting with.
Form W-9

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required):

- Individual/sole proprietor
- C Corporation
- S Corporation
- Partnership
- Trust/estate
- Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶
- Exempt payee

☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

Requester’s name and address (optional)

City, state, and ZIP code

List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the “Name” line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

Employer identification number

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and

2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and

3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or generally payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Signature of U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners’ share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester’s form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners’ share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.