DESCRIPTION: Landscaping services for a period of 4 months beginning in August for the Pendleton, Anderson, Easley and Oconee campuses of Tri-County Technical College. This will be an interim contract while the State Office works on a new 5 year contract.

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): 8/07/2012 1:00 PM EST
QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 8/03/2012 11:00 AM See "Questions From Offerors" provision
NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One Original and One Copy

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

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:
MAILING ADDRESS: Tri-County Technical College
PO Box 587
Pendleton, SC 29670

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: Ruby Hicks Library/Administration Bldg., Room 114
Pendleton, SC 29670

AWARD & AMENDMENTS Award notification will be posted at the Physical Address stated above on or about 8/10/2012. The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following web address:
http://www.tctc.edu/Content/About_TCTC/PurchasingSolicitation.xml

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date.

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 _________________________

(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

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)

(See "Signing Your Offer" 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)

Area Code-Number - Extension Facsimile

E-mail Address

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)

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

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

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DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)

10 Calendar Days (%)  20 Calendar Days (%)  30 Calendar Days (%)  ____ Calendar Days (%)

PREFERENCES - 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)).

____ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address
____ In-State Office Address same as Notice Address (check only one)
1. What kind of grass is on the campuses?
   A. The majority is Bermuda with a little fescue in some places.

2. The mulch quantities listed in the bid, are they per application or total for both applications? Example, Pendleton Campus is 680 yards, is that for the spring and another 680 yards for the fall - bringing the total to 1360 yards per year?
   A. The amount listed in the bid is the amount per application. In your example above, it would be 680 in the Fall and another 680 in the Spring.

3. The scope / specifications of what you are currently getting, have been changed to what you are now looking for?
   A. For the most part, what is listed in the bid is what we are currently getting with a few minor adjustments.

4. In the specifications letter q , it states hours. Is that total, or for specific property?
   A. Q lists the minimum hours for the Pendleton Campus only. Other campuses have their minimum site visits listed under Campus Specifics.

5. On page 24 where you ask for the numbers, is that maintenance only, or should we add in 1 mulch and the Bush hog mowing, fertilization/ pre m ( things that need 4 times per year, and mulch 2 times should be done in next 4 months )?
   A. Include in the cost the maintenance plus all other jobs listed in the scope/specifications, including: 1 application of mulch, 1 bush hog service, 3 pre-e/fertilizer applications per schedule and 1 flower bed change out. The dates these services must be completed by are included in the bid.

6. Also there are 3 fertilization applications due between now and end of year?
   A. Yes.

7. After being through each property, some areas do not seem that they have received mulch yet this year ?
   A. All areas did receive mulch back in February/March, the next application must be applied no later than September 30th.

8. We did not see workers on any of the property, we were on Pendleton 3 times two different days?
   A. There are landscape maintenance employees on campus daily except during inclement weather.

9. Is the Cypress Mulch that needs to be applied to this property natural or dyed?
   A. The mulch is dyed brown.