DESCRIPTION: Supply and install Dynamic Shear Rheometer.

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): 4/11/2017 2:00 pm

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 4/5/2017 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

AWARD & AMENDMENTS
Award will be posted at http://www.tctc.edu/Content/About_TCTC/PurchasingSolicitation/Solicitation.xml on approximately 4/17/2017. The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will also be posted on the website above.

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.

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

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 (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)

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 (%)  
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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)
Q: I see that the specification SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS for the rheometer (DSR) does not mention a PC system. This is required for operation, so I assume that that TCTC will provide this. Please confirm.

A: TCTC will purchase a PC system separately. This should not be included in the bid for this item.

Q: The SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS mentions a convection oven - capable of accepting other fixtures: “The DSR shall have a commercially available convection oven for testing over the temperature range of -20°C to +180°C for use with torsion bar fixtures, parallel plate fixtures, extensional rheology fixtures, and humidity control to ensure compatibility with future research needs.” It sounds like this is to confirm compatibility for future use, and is not to be included in the list of delivered components. Please advise.

A: This is just to confirm compatibility for future use (commercially available convection oven) and is not to be included in the bid for this item.

Q: The SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS mentions that the “...DSR must have the capability of accepting a commercially-available Peltier controlled concentric cylinder chamber.” It sounds like this is to confirm compatibility for future use, and is not to be included in the list of delivered components. Please advise.

A: This is just to confirm compatibility for future use (commercially-available Peltier controlled concentric cylinder chamber) and is not to be included in the bid for this item.

Q: I see in the verbiage that online bid submissions are preferred, but in the main bid document (page 1), it states that “...Offers must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior.” Is this bid to be submitted in hard copy form?

A: Bid must be submitted in a sealed package/hard copy form per page 1 instructions.

Q: The bid specifies a need for torsional testing, but would the end users also like the option to perform traditional dynamic mechanical tests on solids using 3-point bending, or tension fixtures, and still have the ability to perform all of the tests listed in the bid.

A: We would be open to compatibility to perform these additional tests, but do not include any extra accessories for those tests unless they were already specified in the bid package deliverables.

Q: Would the end user consider a higher quality motor design (not an “EC motor”) capable of meeting all specifications put forward in the bid?

A: We would accept an alternate type of motor as long as it is capable of meeting all of the specifications in the bid package.

Q: Would the end user consider a system that incorporates a more durable magnetic bearing design? The air bearing is very prone to damage and is considered older technology.

A: We would consider a magnetic bearing as an alternate to the air bearing.