

INVITATION FOR BID

Facilities Maintenance and Asset Management

Solicitation Number: B1818

Description: DISTRICT WIDE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF FENCING

Date: March 2, 2018

SUBMIT OFFER BY: March 29, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

SUBMIT QUESTIONS BY: March 15, 2018 by 2:00 PM

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: 1 ORIGINAL AND 1 MARKED "COPY" AND ONE FLASH DRIVE

PROCUREMENT OFFICIAL CONTACT:

Procurement Services

Attention: Raymond B. Jenkins

3999 Bridge View Drive

North Charleston, SC 29405

Phone: 843-566-8826

Email: raymond_jenkins@charleston.k12.sc.us

ALL REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY A COMPANY OFFICIAL DULY AUTHORIZED TO BIND AN AGREEMENT FOR THAT COMPANY.

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 ninety (90) calendar days after the Opening date.		
Print Name of Offeror (Full legal name of business submitting the offer)		Date Signed
Authorized Signature (Person signing must be authorized to submit binding offer to enter contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)		Taxpayer Identification No.
Title (Business title of person signing above)		Telephone Number
Printed Name (of person signing above)		Facsimile Number
Company Address (Street, City, State & Zip Code)		
Contact Person(if different than authorized signature)		Email Address
Telephone Number	Facsimile Number	

Cover Page

AWARDS & AMENDMENTS: Awards will be posted at the Physical Address stated above. The award will be posted by 4/15/18. The award, solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following website URL: <http://www.ccsdschools.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=2973364&pageId=27429783>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS: Offerors: Acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. See “Amendments to Solicitation” in Section II Instructions to Offerors.

Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.	Amendment No.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial

OFFEROR’S TYPE OF ENTITY: See Section 9.0 Signing Your Offer & SWMBE Participation.

Small Women Minority Business Enterprise (Please Check appropriate boxes)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MBE – Native American Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Owned Small Business Certified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MBE – African American Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Owned Small Business Non-Certified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MBE – Asian American Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> HUB Zone Small Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MBE – Hispanic Owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Certified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women Owned Small Business Certified | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Non-Certified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women Owned Small Business Non-Certified | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Owned Small Business Certified | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Owned Small Business Non-Certified | <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

The District shall receive all bids by **no later than 2:00 P.M. on the date shown on the Cover Page.**
 Important: **Clearly mark the outside of the envelope, box, or package with the following information.**

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Proposals should be sent via United States Postal Service/hand delivered or courier service to:

**Procurement Services
 Attn: Raymond B. Jenkins
 3999 Bridge View Drive
 North Charleston, SC 29405**

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1.0 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Event	Date
1. Issuance of Invitation for Bid (IFB)	March 2, 2018
2. Question Submission	March 15, 2018
3. BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE & PUBLIC OPENNING Procurement Services 3999 Bridge View Drive North Charleston, SC 29405	March 29, 2018
4. Contract Award (estimate)	April 15, 2018

2.0 SCOPE OF SOLICITATION

Charleston County School District is seeking Bids from qualified firms for the District Wide Ground Cover at the District Operation Center and schools throughout Charleston County per the requirements of this Invitation for Bid (IFB).

The initial contract period is one base year. This contract may renew for an additional four option year periods. Maximum term of contract is 5 years.

If necessary, the district may choose to add new vendors at the end of each year of the contract.

Award Criteria: Award will be made to multiple responsible and responsive bidder.

3.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

A. General Instructions

DEFINITIONS Except as otherwise provided herein, the following definitions are applicable to all parts of the solicitation. For additional definitions, see the terms and conditions below.

1. **Amendment** - means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.
2. **Board** - means the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees.
3. **Buyer** - means the Procurement Official.
4. **Change Order** - means any written alteration in specification, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties of the contract.
5. **Contract Modification** - means a written order signed by the Procurement Official, directing the contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the contract authorizes the Procurement Official to order without the consent of the contractor.
6. **Contractor** – means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.
7. **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.
8. **District** - means Charleston County School District.
9. **Offer** - means the bid, or proposal submitted in response to this solicitation. The terms “Bid” and “Proposal” are used interchangeably with the term “Offer.”
10. **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.”
11. **Page two** – means the second page of the original solicitation, which is label Page Two.
12. **Procurement Official** - means the person, or designee, identified as such on the Cover Page.
13. **Solicitation** - means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.
14. **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
15. **You And Your** - means Offeror.

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (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.ccsdschools.com/divisions/finance/contracts_and_procurement_office (b) Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of any Amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the Amendment, (2) by letter, or (3) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the Amendment.

AWARD NOTIFICATION Notice regarding the District’s intent to award a contract will be posted at the location specified on the Cover Page (page 1) and page 2. The date and location of posting can be found in the Schedule and Activities section of the solicitation. If the contract resulting from this Solicitation has a total or potential value in excess of fifty thousand dollars, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation. For contracts with a total or potential value of one hundred thousand dollars or greater, notice of intended award of a contract must be given by posting the notice for ten days before entering into a contract and must be sent to all bidders responding to the solicitation.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD In order to withdraw your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, you must notify the Procurement Official in writing.

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

BID FORMS Bid Forms are included for your use. Only these Bid Forms shall be used; no other form is acceptable. Please indicate your firm's name on the Bid Forms and have it signed by a person authorized to do so. A cover letter on your corporate stationery should include any comment and/or information you feel may be pertinent to the evaluation of your bid. The prices specified in your bid must be F.O.B. Destination with all freight charges prepaid and allowed, if applicable. On the Bid Forms, please indicate the delivery time, after receipt of an order, for the service or materials on which you have bid. No hidden or undisclosed prices will be acceptable.

BID / PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT By submitting to the District a signed Bid and/or Proposal, you are offering to enter into a contract with Charleston County School District and agreeing to all terms and conditions provided herein. Your bid and/or proposal as well as the terms and conditions of this solicitation will become part of any contract created as a result of this solicitation. THEREFORE, ANY OBJECTION TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED HEREIN MUST BE ADDRESSED WITH THE DISTRICT PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL OF YOUR BID AND/OR PROPOSAL. SUCH OBJECTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AS DESCRIBED HEREIN FOR ANY INQUIRIES. 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.

BOARD AS PROCUREMENT AGENT (a) **Authorized Agent.** All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Official. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Official is the only District official authorized to bind the District with regard to this procurement. (b) **Purchasing Liability.** The Procurement Official acts on behalf of Charleston County School District pursuant to the Charleston County School District Procurement Code. Any contract awarded as a result of this procurement is between the Vendor and the District. The Board is not a party to such contract, unless and to the extent that the Board is a using District 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

(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 a 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 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 purpose of this certification, means Officials; 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 Official 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), Offeror 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 Official may render the Offeror non-responsible.

- (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 District, the Procurement Official may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE The Charleston County School District Procurement Code is available at http://www.ccsdschools.com/divisions/finance/contracts_and_procurement_office

COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES The vendor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the vendor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, CCSD, shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER Any offer received after the Procurement Official or 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 mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the bid opening.

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE CERTIFICATION 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 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 District's attention.

ENTERING INTO CONTRACT The District shall not enter into or sign any agreement, contract or other document that conflicts in any way with the District's General Terms and Conditions and the requirements of this solicitation. Proposers should submit for review any agreement, contract or other document that the firm wishes the District to sign, with the proposal. Submittal of such agreement, contract or other document does not constitute an acceptance of any terms and /or conditions contained in such document. Agreements, contracts or other documents that infringe upon the rights of the District or are not in the best interest of the District shall be determined to be non-responsive. The rights and authority of such determination is reserved solely by the staff of the District's Contracts & Procurement Services Department. By Submitting a solicitation response, the proposer acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to inquire about the District's Procurement Code, this solicitation and other District policy.

ETHICS ACT By submitting an Offer, you certify that you are in compliance with South Carolina's Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991, as amended. The following statutes require special attention: (a) Offering, giving, soliciting, or receiving anything of value to influence action of public employee-Section 8-13-790, (b) Recovery of Kickbacks-Section 8-13-790m (c) Offering, soliciting, or receiving money for advice or assistance of public official - Section 8-13-720, (d) Use or disclosure of confidential Information-Section 8-1 3-725, and (e) Persons hired to assist in the preparation of specifications or evaluation of bids Section 8-1 3-1 150

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT - CERTIFICATION: (a) The Iran Divestment Act List is a list published by the Authority pursuant to Section 11-57-310 that identifies persons engaged in investment activities in Iran. Currently, the list is available at the following URL: <http://procurement.sc.gov/PS/PS-iran-divestment.phtm> (.) Section 11-57-310 requires the government to provide a person ninety days written notice before he is included on the list. The following representation,

which is required by Section 11-57-330(A), is a material inducement for the District to award a contract to you. (b) By signing your Offer, you certify that, as of the date you sign, you are not on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List. (c) You must notify the Procurement Officer immediately if, at any time before posting of a final statement of award, you are added to the Iran Divestment Act List.

NOTICES All contact should be directed to Raymond Jenkins, Facilities Procurement Supervisor. No company should contact District staff directly. All questions should be directed in writing to **Raymond Jenkins**. Email raymond_jenkins@charleston.k12.sc.us. Answers to any questions submitted will be sent to all companies via solicitation amendment.

OFFICE CLOSING If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal District processes so that offers cannot be received at the District 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 District's processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If District offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an amendment will be issued to reschedule the conference.

OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE Do not include any sales or use taxes in your price that the District may be required to pay. Any taxes in your bid that the district may be required pay, shall be provided as a separate line item.

PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATIONS Bids shall be considered only from bidders who are regularly established in the business called for and who in the judgment of the District are financially responsible and able to show evidence of their reliability, ability, experience, to render prompt and satisfactory service in the volume called for under this contract

PROTESTS Any prospective bidder, Offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest within fifteen (15) 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 ten (10) days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with the District's Procurement Code. A protest shall be in writing, submitted to the Director of Contracts and Procurement Services, 3999 Bridge View Dr., North Charleston, SC 29405, 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.

PUBLIC OPENING Offers will be publicly opened at the date / time and at the location identified on the Cover Page, or last Amendment, whichever is applicable.

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS (a) Any prospective Offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. The Procurement Official must receive questions no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless otherwise stated on the Cover Page. 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 District seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Official, 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 The District may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The District may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part.

RESPONSIVENESS / IMPROPER OFFERS (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. While multiple Offers may be submitted as one document, Offeror is responsible for clearly differentiating between each separate Offer. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, each separate Offer must include a separate cost proposal.

(c) Responsiveness. Any Offer that fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as non-responsive. Offers that 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 District 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 Official.

(d) Unbalanced Bidding. The District may reject an Offer as non-responsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between line items or sub-line 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 District 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 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 any District employees, its agents or officials.** All communications must be solely with the Procurement Official. This restriction expires once a purchase order has been formed and may be lifted by express written permission from the Procurement Official. (b) **Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, You agree not to give anything to any District employee, agent or official prior to award.**

SIGNING YOUR OFFER 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 venture 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 is and has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent’s authorization to bind the principal.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND ASSURANCES By submitting a bid and signing the bid schedule, vendors are providing written assurance of non-collusion and understanding and acceptance of all general and special conditions stated in this contract. It will be assumed that the service or materials you propose to provide conform(s) with all the provisions of the indicated specifications, unless you specifically note otherwise. In addition, this signature certifies that the firm or agency represented in the bid submitted complies with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION 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 contend 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 District may, in its sole discretion, determine it non-responsive. 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 during negotiations), unless the page is conspicuously marked “TRADE SECRET” or

“CONFIDENTIAL” or “PROTECTED”, (2) agrees that any information not marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a “Trade Secret” is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. In determining whether to release documents, the District will detrimentally rely on Offeror’s marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either “Confidential” or “Trade Secret” or “PROTECTED”. By submitting a response, Offeror agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the District, its Officials and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney’s fees, arising out of or resulting from the District withholding information that Offeror marked as “confidential” or “trade secret” or “PROTECTED”. (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

Do not mark your “Cost Proposal/Bidding Schedule” Confidential.

SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION (a) Offers and offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (unless submitted by approved 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) Each Offeror must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (c) 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. (d) Facsimile Offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation. (e) Offers submitted by electronic commerce shall be considered only if the electronic commerce method was specifically stipulated or permitted by the solicitation.

TERM OF CONTRACT – EFFECTIVE DATE/INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD: The effective date of this contract is the first day of the Maximum Contract Period as specified on the final statement of award. It is Charleston County School District’s intent to contract with the successful bidder(s) by entering into a One (1) year agreement from the date of contract execution. An option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year periods shall be provided if agreeable by both parties.

TERM OF CONTRACT – OPTION TO RENEW At the end of the initial term, and at the end of each renewal term, this contract shall automatically renew for a period of one year, unless contractor receives notice that the District elects not to renew the contract at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of renewal. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER 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.

B. Special Instructions

1. **BOARD APPROVAL REQUIRED:** Any award is subject to prior approval by the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees.

2. **DISCUSSION WITH BIDDERS:** After opening, discussions may be conducted with apparent responsive bidders for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of the requirements of the invitation for bids. All bids, in the Procurement Official’s sole judgment, needing clarification must be accorded that opportunity.

3. **OPENING PROPOSALS – PRICES NOT DIVULGED** In competitive sealed proposals, prices will not be divulged at opening.

4. **SUBCONTRACTOR APPROVAL:** All subcontractors must be pre-approved by CCSD.

5. **NO PRE-BID CONFERENCE/SITE VISIT**

4.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. General Terms and Conditions

GOVERNING TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Bids shall be submitted subject to the indicated Terms and Conditions, Bidder's terms and conditions of sale will not be considered. Bidder shall be deemed to have accepted CCSD Terms and Conditions by the submittal of a bid.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The successful bidder will take affirmative action in complying with all federal and state requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without regard or discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or physical handicap. The following are incorporated herein by reference: 41 C.F.R. 60-1.4, 60-250.4 and 60-741.4.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS During the term of the Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES: During the term of the contract, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: Questions or problems arising after award of this solicitation shall be directed to the Procurement Official at 3999 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, SC 29405.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGE ORDERS Any change orders, alterations, amendments or other modifications hereunder shall not be effective unless in writing and approved by the District and the vendor.

CONTRACT VIOLATION: Vendors who violate this contract will be considered in breach and subject to cancellation for cause. Vendors may be suspended or debarred from doing business with the District. Examples of vendor violations include, but are not limited to:

- Vendor adding items to the contract without approval,
- Vendor increasing contract price without approval,
- Misrepresentation of the contract to any District entity

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Contract. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor must warrant that they will only assign employees who have passed a criminal background check to perform work under this contract. The background checks must demonstrate the worker has no convictions or pending criminal charges that would render the worker unsuitable for regular contact with children. Disqualifying convictions or charges include, but are not limited to, sexual offenses, violent offenses, and drug offenses.

CONTRACTOR SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PERFORMANCE: The District will rely upon the Contractor for full, complete, and satisfactory performance under the terms and conditions of this agreement.

If the Contractor's services provided for hereunder include services, equipment, or materials supplied by a subcontractor, the Contractor must act as the prime Contractor for these items and assume full responsibility for performance hereunder. The Contractor will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all situations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all other requirements.

ENTIRE CONTRACT The contract, including the Best Value Bid, the Proposal, and any Purchase Order issued by District pursuant to the contract, shall constitute the entire contract between the parties, and no verbal information shall be a part hereof. Any changes made to the contract shall be in writing and accepted by both parties.

FORCE MAJEURE: The vendor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the vendor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the government in either its sovereign or contract capacity, fires, floods,

epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the vendor. If the failure to perform is caused by default of a sub vendor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the vendor and sub vendor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the vendor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the sub vendor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the vendor to meet required delivery schedule.

GUARANTEE The vendor shall supply a guarantee for all workmanship for the equipment he/she is furnishing for a period comparable to the standards in the industry. When defects or faulty materials are discovered during the guarantee period, the vendor shall, immediately, upon notification by the District, process at his./her own expense, to repair or replace the same.

INDEMNIFICATION

1. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Charleston County School District, its agents, Board, officers and/or officials, employees and volunteers (hereinafter, the "Indemnitees") from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the work, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from, but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnify which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described herein.

2. In claims against any person or entity indemnified herein by an employee of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation herein shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or a Subcontractor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts. Further, any performance bond or insurance protection required by the contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and hold harmless and defend the Indemnitees as herein provided.

3. The Contractor's indemnity obligations shall also specifically include, without limitation, all fines, penalties, damages, liability, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), and punitive damages (if any) arising out of, or in connection with, and (1) violation of or failure to comply with any law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, code or requirement of a public authority that bears upon the performance of this contract by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or any person or entity for whom either is responsible, (2) means, methods, procedures, techniques or sequences or execution or performance of the services required, and (3) failure to secure and pay for permits, fees, approvals, and/or licenses related to performance of the contract by the Contractor, a Subcontractor or any person or entity for whom either is responsible.

4. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless all of the Indemnitees from and against any costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) incurred by any of the Indemnitees in enforcing any of the Contractor's defense, indemnity and hold-harmless obligations under this contract.

5. The Contractor shall further indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees from all suits or claims of any character brought by reason of infringing on any patent, trademark or copyright. Contractor shall have no liability to the Indemnities if such patent, trademark or copyright infringement or claim is based upon the Contractor's use of materials furnished to the Contractor by an Indemnitee.

INSTALLATION Where equipment is called for to be installed under this bid, it shall be placed leveled and accurately fastened into place by the vendor. He/she shall be responsible for obtaining dimensions and other such data which may be required to assure exact fit to work under another contract or as intended by the District. The vendor shall be responsible for providing an appropriate amount of lead-in for equipment requiring electrical, water or other basic service. The District will normally be responsible for bringing the appropriate service to the lead-in. the vendor shall completely remove from the

premises all packaging, crating, and other litter due to his/her works. He/she shall also be responsible for the cost of repair of any damage to existing work which is caused by him/her during the installation of his/her equipment.

INSURANCE

1. The Contractor shall provide General Liability and other Insurance as listed herein. The Contractor shall purchase from and maintain in a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina such insurance as will protect the Contractor from claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from the Contractor’s operations under the Contract and for which the Contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the Contractor or by a Subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable:

Type of Insurance

Workers Compensation, Applicable Federal and Employer’s Liability

1. State	Statutory
2. Applicable Federal	Statutory
3. Employer’s Liability	\$100,000 per accident \$500,000 disease, policy limit \$100,000 disease, each employee

Federal Liability Insurance including completed operations and product liability covers:

1. General Aggregate	\$1,000,000
(Except Products – Complete Operations):	
2. Products – Completed Operations Aggregate:	\$1,000,000
3. Personal and Advertising Injury (Per person/organization):	\$1,000,000
4. Each Occurrence (Bodily Injury and Property Damage):	\$1,000,000
5. Fire Damage (Any one fire):	\$1,000,000
6. Medical Expense (Any one person):	\$1,000,000
7. Property Damage Liability Insurance will provide explosion, collapse and underground coverage where applicable.	
8. Excess Liability (Umbrella Form)	
a) General Aggregate:	\$2,000,000
b) Each occurrence (bodily injury and property damage)	\$1,000,000

2. Certificates of insurance which shall be signed by a duly authorized representative of each insurance company, showing compliance with the insurance requirements attached hereto and which shall be acceptable to the Owner shall be submitted to the Owner upon execution of this Agreement. When requested by the Owner, the Contractor shall furnish copies of Certificates of Insurance for each subcontractor as well. All Certificates of Insurance shall include a statement that the Owner will receive written notice 30 days prior to cancellation of any policy. Further, the Charleston County School District will be named as an additional insured on all policies.

LATENT DEFECTS: Contractor warrants that upon notification by the District of a latent defect in design, material or workmanship, or a latent nonconformity of the services, material, or equipment to the specifications, which would have constituted a basis for rejection if discovered prior to acceptance, it will repair or replace or otherwise correct the defect to the level of performance specified in this RFP/IFB.

LICENSES AND PERMITS During the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining, and maintaining in good standing, all licenses (including professional licenses, if any), permits, inspections and related fees for each or any such licenses, permits and/or inspections required by CCSD, county, city, state, or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the contract.

LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES The Contractor shall satisfy immediately any lien or encumbrance which, because of any act or default of the Contractor, is filed against the District.

MATERIALS REQUIRED Materials required must be in conformity with the specifications and shall be subject to inspection and approval after delivery, and shall comply in quality and type of material and method of manufacture with all applicable local or state laws pertaining thereto. The right is reserved to reject and return at the risk and expense of the vendor such portions of any shipment that may be defective or fail to comply with specifications and without validating the remainder of the order.

NON INTERFERENCE: In the event Contractor is unable for any reason to provide any material, services, supplies, products or other items of any type or variety to the District under this agreement, including but not limited to any such materials, services, supplies, etc. available from any other party (such as subcontractors) supplying said materials, services, etc. to Contractor, the District will have the right to deal directly with the other supplier without penalty or interference from Contractor.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: In the event of inconsistency between provisions of this solicitation, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) bid pricing schedule, (b) bid specifications, (c) standard solicitation provisions/general contract clauses, whether incorporated by reference or otherwise, (d) special solicitation provisions/special purchase order clauses and (e) instructions to bidders.

OTHER WRITTEN BASIS FOR PROPOSAL: If any of the Offeror's proposal has, as its basis, written statements (other than the RFP) provided to him by the District (such as notification of a change in the specifications), the Offeror is to identify and include those statements in his proposal at the place or places applicable.

PACKAGING AND DELIVERY All shipments will be FOB, freight prepaid, to the purchase order "ship to" location. The purchase order number should be clearly stated on freight tickets. The parties agree hereto that delivery by the vendor to the common carrier does not constitute delivery to the district. Any claims for loss or damage should be between the vendor and the carriers.

PAYMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES Payment for goods and services received by the District shall be processed in accordance with the Charleston County School District Procurement Code. In consideration of satisfactory performance of the requirements of this contract, the District shall pay the contractor in accordance with the vendors Price Proposal/ Exhibit E, in no event to exceed an amount of authorized by written Purchase Order(s) issued by the District pursuant to this contract.

(a) Payments to the contractor shall be made no later than thirty (30) days after the later of District's receipt of a proper invoice for performance by the contractor, and acceptance by the District of such performance pursuant to the terms of the RFP. Each invoice must include the contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number.

(b) In addition to any other remedies, if in the sole opinion of the District, the contractor fails to perform in a satisfactory and timely manner, the District may refuse or limit approval of any invoice for payment, and may cause payments to the contractor to be reduced or withheld until such time as the contractor meets performance standards as established by the District.

A purchase order will be issued and must be referenced on all invoices presented for payment. See also Universal Service (E-Rate) Requirements in Section 5.

PERFORMANCE AUDITS: The District may conduct, or have conducted, performance audits of the vendor. The District may conduct, or have conducted, audits of specific requirements of this bid as determined necessary by the District.

Pertaining to all audits, vendor shall make available to the District access to its computer files containing the history of contract performance and all other documents related to the audit. Additionally, any software used by the vendor shall be made available for auditing purposes at no cost to the District.

PRICES: Prices under this contract are “not to exceed” prices. District is not authorized to pay more than the stated price. Contractors may offer, and District may accept prices below those listed on the contract. Submission of the Price Proposal certifies that the proposal is accurate and binding and that all costs are shown and accurately reflects the total Technical proposal cost. All prices shall be stated in United States currency.

PRICE ADJUSTMENT: Any request for price increase must be submitted in writing to Procurement Services at least ninety (90) days prior to the requested date for the increase. Price increases will only become effective if agreed to, in writing by Procurement Services. The maximum increase will not exceed the unadjusted percent change from the previous year shown in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), “Other Goods and Services” or the current market conditions as determined by the Procurement Officer.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS – LIMITED BY CPI “All Items”: Upon request and adequate justification, the Procurement Officer may grant a price increase up to, but not to exceed, the unadjusted percent change for the most recent 12 months for which data is available, that is not subject to revision, in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers (CPI-U), “all items” for services, as determined by the Procurement Officer. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics publishes this information on the web at www.bls.gov.

PRICE CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the price included in this proposal is accurate and binding and that all costs are shown and accurately reflect my total proposal cost.

PROHIBITION AGAINST CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS, GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS: “an employee or any official of the School district, elective or appointive, who shall take, receive or offer to take or receive either directly, any rebate, percentage of contract, money or other things of value, as an inducement or intended inducement, in the Procurement of business, or the giving of business, for or to, or from any person, partnership, firm or corporation, offering bidding for, or in open market seeking to make sales to the School District shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction such person or persons shall be subject to punishment or fine in accord with state and/or federal laws.

PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT: The District requires all vendor activities to be in compliance with local, state, and federal mandates concerning “protection of human health and the environment”. Any vendor doing business with the District will be required to document compliance and to specify prudent practices used by the vendor to address applicable mandates including, but not restricted to “the hazard communication standard” OSHA CFR 191 0.1200 (SCRR article 1,71-1910.1200). By submission of this bid, the vendor agrees to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with these requirements.

PURCHASE ORDER: A purchase order may be enclosed with or issued pursuant to this contract, and will be an integral part of the resulting contract. The purchase order indicates that sufficient funds have been obligated in accordance with the budget of the district and assures distribution of the necessary receiving reports. The purchase order does not supersede any provisions of the resulting contract. Performance time and dates are determined solely by the contract and any modification thereto.

PURCHASING CARD: Contractor agrees to accept payment by the District Purchasing Card for no extra charge. The Purchasing Card is issued by Visa. The purchasing card allows state agencies to make authorized purchases from a vendor without the requirement to issue a purchase order.

PUBLICITY RELEASES: Vendor agrees not to refer to award of this contract in commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the products or services provided are endorsed or preferred by the user.

QUALITY OF PRODUCT: (This clause does not apply to solicitations for service requirements). Unless otherwise indicated in this bid it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped on this bid shall be new and in first class condition, that all containers shall be new and suitable for storage or shipment, and that prices include standard commercial packaging. For information technology procurements as defined in Provision I., of the Charleston County School District

Procurement Code, if items that are other than new (i.e. remanufactured or refurbished) are desired to be bid, the bidder must obtain written permission to bid such items at least 5 days in advance of bid opening from the person to whom inquiries are to be directed as listed on the front page of the invitation for bid.

REJECTION: The District reserves the right to reject any bid that contains prices for individual items or services that are unreasonable when compared to the same or other bids if such action is in the best interest of the District.

RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS: No purchases are to be made from this contract for any item that is not listed or for any item that is currently authorized under any other purchase order awarded prior to this contract.

RISK OF LOSS: The vendor shall assume all risk of loss, and shall maintain insurance coverage on all items installed, up to the time of final acceptance.

RECORDS RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT: Charleston County School District has the right to audit the books and records of the vendor as they pertain to this solicitation/contract, both independent of, and pursuant to, the District Procurement Code. Such books and records shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under the purchase order.

SEVERABILITY: In the event any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force.

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNING LAW CLAUSE: The agreement and any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the agreement shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the Contracts and Procurement Services Director in accordance with the District Procurement Code, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the court of common pleas for, or a federal court located in, Charleston County, State of South Carolina. Vendor 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 States Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "agreement means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

SUBCONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION: If you intend to subcontract with another business for any portion of the work and that portion exceeds 10% of your price, your offer must identify that business and the portion of work that they are to perform. Identify potential Subcontractors by providing the business' name, address, phone, taxpayer identification number, and point of contact. In determining your responsibility, CCSD may evaluate your proposed Subcontractors.

SUBCONTRACTING; ASSIGNMENT: The contractor may not subcontract any portion of the services provided under this contract without obtaining the prior written approval of the District, nor may the contractor assign the contract or any of its rights or obligations hereunder, without prior written approval of the District. Any such subcontract or assignment shall include the Terms and Conditions of this contract and any other terms and conditions that the District deems necessary to protect its interests. The District shall not be responsible for the fulfillment of the contractor's obligations to the subcontractors.

SUBCONTRACTORS: Subcontractors are subject to same terms and conditions of this agreement as the Contractor.

SWMBE PARTICIPATION: Charleston County School District encourages SWMBE (Small, Women, & Minority Owned Business Enterprise) businesses to participate in the Solicitation process. All business conducted with SWMBE businesses certified by the South Carolina Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance is recorded in a yearly report submitted to the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees. In order to be included in this report you must submit a copy of your certificate with your proposal. All qualified Small, Women, & Minority Owned Business Enterprise not registered or not certified, are encouraged to submit an offer. CCSD highly desires the opportunity of promoting SWMBE.

TAXES Any tax the Contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by CCSD, and such sums shall be due and payable to the Contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by CCSD. It shall be solely CCSD'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 CCSD to Contractor, Contractor shall be liable to CCSD 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: Subject to the conditions below, the District providing a (30) thirty-day advance notice in writing is given to the vendor may terminate the contract for any reason.

NON-APPROPRIATIONS: Any contract entered into by the District resulting from this bid invitation shall be subject to cancellation without damages or further obligation when funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period or appropriated year.

FOR CONVENIENCE: In the event that this contract is terminated or canceled upon request and for the convenience of the District without the required thirty (30) days advance written notice, then the District may negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.

FOR CAUSE: Termination by the District for cause, default or negligence on the part of the vendor shall be excluded from the foregoing conditions; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived and the default clause in this bid shall apply.

DEFAULT: In case of default by the vendor, the District reserves the right to purchase any or all items in default in the open market, charging the vendor with any additional costs. The defaulting vendor shall not be considered a responsible bidder until the assessed charge has been satisfied.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRUG FREE WORK PLACE ACT: In accordance with S. C. Code Workplace Act, Sections 44-107-10, et seq., SC Code, (1976) this contract is subject to immediate termination, suspension of payment, or both if the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with the terms of the Drug Free Workplace Act. The District will not be liable for any termination costs; the thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived.

DUE TO MALICIOUS ACTS: In the event termination is due to malicious acts by the Contractor, subcontractor or representative(s) of same that may endanger the property, employees, or reputation and/or financial status of the District, termination of the contract shall be effective immediately upon verbal notification by any District representative. The Provider shall cease all services within twenty-four (24) hours of the verbal notice of termination. In the event of termination the vendor shall be paid for services performed up to the termination date.

INSOLVENCY: This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the District upon the contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR: Requests for termination of this contract by the contractor must be received in writing by Procurement Services at least ninety (90) days before the requested contract termination date.

WARRANTY Upon final acceptance, the products and or services provided by the contractor under this contract shall be warranted by the contractor to perform in compliance with the specifications and terms and conditions of this contract for a period of one year. When notified by the District of defects requiring correction under the contractor's warranty, the contractor shall diligently provide the required corrections. Manufacturer warranties for third party products supplied by the contractor shall be provided to the District

WAIVERS The waiver of any part of this contract shall not be construed to be a waiver of the whole and the remaining terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect. No waiver of right, obligation, or default shall be implied, but must be in writing, signed by the party against whom the waiver is sought to be enforced. One or more waivers of any right, obligation, or default shall not be construed to waive any subsequent right, obligation, or default.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING: Charleston County School District Procurement Code and Regulations authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing practices with regard to other public procurement units. Accordingly, any South Carolina school district, state, city or county agency or other public procurement unit may participate in any resulting award if agreeable to the District, the successful bidder/proposer and the other public procurement unit. No other public procurement unit is required to make use of this capability as participation is at the discretion of the other public procurement unit. The District shall not guarantee the participation of another public procurement unit nor be responsible for any resulting business or non-business with any other entity. Purchase Orders, delivery arrangements, payments and any other type of contractual documentation or performance shall be the responsibility of the actual participating public procurement unit, not Charleston County School District. The successful bidder/proposer shall hold harmless Charleston County School District, its employees, Administration, Board of Trustees and its representatives for any loss or damage as the result of the action or inaction of another public procurement unit.

ORDERLY TRANSFER OF MATERIALS

Upon termination of the contract for any reason, the District shall have the right, upon demand, to obtain access to, and possession of, all District properties, including, but not limited to, current copies of all District application programs and necessary documentation, all files, intermediate materials and supplies held by the contractor.

5.0 QUALIFICATIONS

Bids for each purchase order will be accepted from bidders who are regularly established in the business called for, and who, in the judgment of the district, are financially responsible and able to show evidence of their reliability (to render prompt and satisfactory service in the volume required by this solicitation), experience, equipment, facilities and personnel directly employed or supervised.

Successful bidder is expected to self-perform all work. If subcontractors are necessary, they must be pre-approved by Charleston County School District.

6.0 BASIS OF AWARD

AWARD CRITERIA: This is deemed an Invitation to Bid.

The District intends to award a contract to the vendor(s) whose offer, conforming to the solicitation, is the most advantageous on the basis for all products, services and requirements contained herein.

In all cases, the District will be the sole judge as to whether a vendor's bid has or has not satisfactorily met the requirement of this bid.

Award will be made to the lowest responsible bidder(s) who submits a responsive bid which is most advantageous to the Charleston County School District.

The District reserves the right to award to more than one vendor.

NEGOTIATIONS: The Procurement Official may elect to make an award without conducting negotiations.

QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR:

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 CCSD, 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.

The Contractor shall be from an established company providing similar solutions for a minimum of One (1) year.

QUALIFICATIONS -- REQUIRED INFORMATION:

In order to evaluate your responsibility, offeror shall submit the following information or documentation for the offeror and any subcontractor, if the value of subcontractor's portion of the work exceeds 10% of your price (if in doubt, provide the information) with bid or within 2 days of request by CCSD:

- (a) Include a brief history of the offeror's experience in providing work of similar size and scope.
- (b) List of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation.
- (c) Completion of Questionnaire attachment.

7.0 Scope of Work / Specifications

SCOPE OF WORK

The Charleston County School District seeks a contractor(s) to purchase and install various types of fencing throughout Charleston County, South Carolina.

PLACES OF DELIVERY:

Site locations for work at Schools and District Offices will be on an as need basis within CCSD.

SUBSTITUTES

The Purchasing Supervisor must be notified at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of any substitutions. This time will allow us to contact our supervisors of the need for any changes.

No substitutions in item or quality are to be made by the bidder without prior approval and sampling by the Office of Purchasing.

Substitutions will be of equal or higher quality and at the bid price. The unit bid price will be adjusted accordingly for any difference in specification from the specified.

SAFETY MEASURES

The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of the Charleston County School District's students, employees, and contractor's employees and the general public and shall erect and properly maintain at all times all necessary safeguards for the protection of the workman, students, and employees. If necessary, the Contractor shall post signs warning against hazards in and around the work site.

The Contractor shall at all times, keep the work area free from accumulation of waste materials, rubbish and debris from the site caused by his operations, and promptly remove any such materials to an approved disposal location. The work area shall present a neat, orderly, and workmanlike appearance at all times.

GUARANTEE:

All work is guaranteed by the vendor against defects resulting from the use of inferior or faulty materials or workmanship for one (1) year from the date of final acceptance of work by CCSD in addition to and irrespective of any manufacturer's or supplier's warranty. No date other than the date of final acceptance may be established to govern the effective date of the guaranty, unless that date is agreed upon by CCSD and the Contractor in writing.

BILLING AND INVOICES:

Invoices for labor and materials made by our maintenance supervisor are paid by the Central Accounting Department.

All items on invoices **MUST** be billed according to the description of items quoted on the bid, and in a timely manner. Unit prices for all items shall be recorded and invoices shall be accurately extended.

Do not mail statement to individual schools. Payments shall be made by timely invoices only, not by statements. Partial payments may be made if invoiced separately and all work on invoice has been performed and approved.

We will pay no invoice until goods and services are received.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

In no instances will verbal conversations on the part of the School District personnel or vendor representatives be a factor in the award. Any interpretation, clarification, information amendment and/or correction will be issued as a written Addendum by the Purchaser. Only a written interpretation or correction by Addendum will be binding. Failure by any bidder to receive any addendum shall not relieve the bidder of any obligation as it is the sole responsibility of each bidder to

ensure that he has received all addenda. Each bidder by submitting his bid represents that he has read and understands all the provisions of the bid.

BID PRICES:

Quoted prices shall include all labor and equipment needed for installation fencing at designated schools or offices.

In the designated column on the Bid Form, enter the price per unit for each item shown. Prices quoted shall not include state sales tax or federal excise tax. Quote on each item separately.

Pricing shall include delivery, material unloading by vendor, all supplies, installation, removal of debris and clean-up.

Pricing shall be good for the term of the contract. Any price increase after the first initial year must be approved in writing sixty (60) days prior to the renewal of the contract. Price increase shall not exceed 3%.

All prices shall stay firm for each approved contract year.

METHOD OF AWARD:

This bid is a bottom line bid awarded based upon the accurate extensions of unit bid prices quoted. The award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) whose products meet the specified quality approval standards.

Each bidder must bid the unit price specified.

In the event that the low bidder(s) are not available to perform the work when needed, Charleston County School District reserves the right to award contract to 2nd lowest Vendor.

The successful bidder(s) of all items will receive notification of intent to award pending Charleston County School District approval.

In all cases, the School District will be the sole judge as to whether a vendor's bid has or has not satisfactorily met the requirement of this Bid Request.

BASIS OF CONTRACT:

Contract, when awarded, can be to one or multiple vendors and will be based upon the unit pricing sheets on the bid form.

GALVANIZED CHAIN LINK FENCING AND GATES SPECIFICATIONS

1. GENERAL

1.01 WORK INCLUDED

(a) Furnish all labor and materials necessary to complete all chain link fencing and gates indicated, specified or both.

1.02 QUALITY ASSURANCE

(a) Comply with standards of the Chain Link Fencing Manufacturer's Institute for "Galvanized Steel Chain Link Fence Fabric" and "Industrial Steel Specifications for Fence Posts, Gates, and Accessories", and as herein specified.

(b) Provide each type of steel fence as a complete unit produced by a single manufacturer, including necessary erection accessories, fittings and fastenings.

2. PRODUCTS

2.01 FABRIC

(a) 9 ga. steel wires, 2" diamond mesh, tensile strength of 80,000 lbs. per inch with both top and bottom selvages knuckled. Width as indicated.

2.02 FRAMING AND ACCESSORIES

(a) *End Posts: 3.0" O.D. steel pipe, 4.64 lbs. lin. ft. Domestic Schedule 40*

(b) *Line Posts: 2.50" O.D. steel pipe, 3.117 lbs. lin. ft. Domestic Schedule 40*

(c) Top Rail: 1-5/8" O.D. x 20' long steel pipe. Provide means for attaching top rail to posts.

- (d) Post Tops: Weather tight cap for tubular posts. Provide one cap for each post.
- (e) Stretcher Bars: One-piece lengths, full height of fabric, 3/16" x 3/4", for gates and end posts.
- (f) 6 ga. steel, Tension Wire shall be run at bottom of fabric.
- (g) Stretcher Bar Bands: 15" O.C. to secure stretchers to posts.

2.03 SWINGING GATES

- (a) Furnish chain link gates as required.
- (b) Construction:
 1. Gates shall be fenced with the same fabric used for the body of the fencing. Install with stretcher bars at vertical edges and the wires at top and bottom edges.
 2. Gate frame shall be 1.90" pipe with welded or riveted corners. Braces and truss rods shall be furnished when necessary to prevent sagging.
 3. Hinges shall be pressed steel or malleable iron. Provide one pair for each leaf. Latches shall be forked type for single gates and plunger bar types for double gates. Both shall have a padlock eye and permit operation from either side of gate. Keepers shall be provided for each gate leaf over 5' wide and shall consist of a mechanical device for securing the free end of the gate when in full open position.

- (c) Gate Posts: Gate posts shall be of the following sizes for single swing gates or one leaf of double gates.

<u>Leaf width</u>	<u>Gate Post</u>	<u>lb./ft</u>
Up to 6'	3" O.D. pipe	4.64
Over 6' to 13'	4" O.D. pipe	9.11
Over 13' to 18'	6-5/8" O.D. pipe	18.9

- (d) Gate posts shall be of sufficient length to allow for approximately 36" setting into concrete footings. The diameter of footings shall be three (3) times the diameter of the gatepost or 12" minimum.

2.04 FINISHES

- (a) Fabric finish. Galvanized, ASTM A 392, Class I.
- (b) Framework: Galvanized steel, ASTM A 120, 1.8 oz.
- (c) Accessories: Galvanized, ASTM A 152, Table I.

2.05 CONCRETE

- (a) Provide concrete consisting of Portland Cement, complying with ASTM C150, aggregates complying with ASTM C33, and clean water. Mix materials to obtain concrete with a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 3000 psi, using one-inch maximum size aggregate, maximum 3-inch slump and 2 to 4-percent entrained air.

3. EXECUTION

3.01 GENERAL

- (a) Do not begin fence installation and erection before the final grading is completed, with finish elevations established, unless otherwise permitted.
- (b) Comply with recommended procedures of fencing manufacturer. Provide a rigid, secure, aligned installation.
- (c) Installer must examine the conditions under which the fences are to be installed. Notify the contractor in writing of conditions detrimental to the proper and timely completion of the work. Do not proceed with the work until unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.
- (d) Prior to excavation work, ground clearance must be given. Notify all utilities or call Palmetto Utility Protection Services, Inc. at 1-888-721-7877.

- (e) Excavate holes to minimum diameters and maximum spacing as recommended by fencing manufacturer.

3.02 SETTING POSTS

- (a) Remove all loose and foreign materials from sides and bottoms of holes, and moisten soil prior to placing concrete. Center and align posts in holes 3" above bottom of excavation. Place concrete around posts in a continuous pour, and vibrate or tamp for consolidation. Check each post placement and finishing operations. Trowel finish tops of footings and slope or dome to direct water away from posts. Set keeps stops, sleeves, and other accessories into concrete as required. Keep exposed concrete surfaces moist for at least seven (7) days after placement, or cure with membrane curing material, or other acceptable method. Space posts 10' maximum.

3.03 BRACE ASSEMBLIES

- (a) Install braces so posts are plumb when diagonal rod is under proper tension.
- (b) Install tension wires by weaving through the fabric and tying to each post with not less than 7 ga. galvanized wire, or by securing the wire to the fabric.

3.04 FABRIC

- (a) Leave approximately 2" between finish grade and bottom selvage. Pull fabric taut and tie to posts, rails and tension wires. Install fabric on security side of fence, and anchor to framework so that fabric remains in tension after pulling force is released.

3.05 STRETCHER BARS

- (a) Thread through or clamp to fabric 4" O.C. and secure to posts with metal bands spaced 15" O.C.

3.06 TIE WIRES

- (a) Use U-shaped wires, conforming to diameter of pipe to which attached, clasping pipe and fabric firmly with ends twisted at least two (2) full turns. Bend ends of wire to minimize hazard to persons or clothing.

3.07 FASTENERS

- (a) Install nuts for tension band and hardware bolts on side of fence opposite fabric side. Peen ends of bolts or score threads to prevent removal of nuts.

VINYL COATED CHAIN LINK FENCING AND GATES SPECIFICATIONS

1.00 GENERAL:

1.01 SCOPE: The work under this heading includes the furnishing and installation of vinyl coated chain link fences and gates as specified herein and as shown on the Plans.

1.02 MANUFACTURER: The fence shall be the product of a manufacturer who has demonstrated by actual installation of a similar nature that its product is of the type required. The Contractor shall include all supplementary parts necessary or required for a complete and satisfactory installation within the true meaning and intent of the Plans. All runs of the fence shall present the same general appearance and the product of one manufacturer only will be accepted.

2.00 PRODUCTS:

2.01 CHAIN LINK FENCING: Fencing for chain link fence shall be as follows:

- (a) 3', 5' and 6' High General Fencing:
 - 1) Fabric: The black vinyl coated chain link fence shall conform to ASTM F-668-Type 2B. The size of mesh shall be 2 inches and the wire shall be No.9 Gauge Basic Open Hearth Steel, hot-dip galvanized in accordance with ASTM A-641-71A. The wire shall be standard finish with the tip and bottom selvage having no barbs. The thickness of the black vinyl coating shall be 10-14 mils applied by Fusion Bonding.
 - 2) Wire Fabric Ties: Wire fabric ties shall be black vinyl coated as specified above No. 9 gauge hot-dip galvanized steel wire conforming to ASTM A112 and spaced 12 inches apart on all posts and 24 inches apart on all rails.

- 3) Post, Rails and Braces: Line and brace posts shall be 2" O.C. schedule 40 hot-dip galvanized steel pipe. Corner and end posts shall be 3 inches O.D., 5.79 pounds per linear foot, hot-dip galvanized steel pipe. The top rails and braces shall be 1-5/8" O.D., 2.27 pounds per linear foot, hot-dip galvanized steel pipe. Each brace section shall be a diagonally trussed with 3/8 inch round hot-dip galvanized steel rod with truss tightener and fittings. All posts shall be furnished with tops and required fittings for attaching fabric and rail. Fittings shall be of malleable iron or pressed steel. Post spacing shall be 10'-0" O.C. max. All pipe, fittings and all accessories, etc. shall have a black vinyl coating as specified above.
- 4) Gates: Gate frames shall be tubular shaped 1-5/8 inches, O.D. with welded or steel fitted corners. Braces and trusses shall be furnished as required to prevent sagging of the gate. Frames shall be covered with fabric as specified for the fence. Gates shall have a black vinyl coating as specified above.

Gate posts shall be as follows:

Leaf Width	Post Diameter	Weight/Ft.
0'-6'	2-7/8" O.D	5.79 lbs.
6'-13'	4" O.D	9.11 lbs.
13'-18'	6-5/8" O.D.	18.97 lbs.
Over 18'	8-5/8" O.D	28.55 lbs.

- a. Fire Exit Gates: All gates that are necessary for fire egress shall have a stainless steel, Corbin Russwin ED5200 Series Pushpad Exit Device, with a 3/4" throw deadbolt style latch bolt with positive deadlocking by auxiliary bolt, single point, 1/4 turn hex key dogging. The exterior trim shall Interchangeable Core that is compatible with existing Charleston County School District keying. The exterior of the gate shall be finished with plexi-glass to prevent intrusion. The panic bar shall meet ANSI A156.3, Type 28, Grade1 and A117.1 Accessibility Code and have a five-year limited warranty.

- 5) Miscellaneous Fittings and Hardware: Miscellaneous fittings and hardware shall be of design standard with the manufacturer. Miscellaneous fittings and hardware shall be zinc-coated steel, and shall be equal to the materials specified in Federal Specifications RR-F-183.
- 6) Welding: Structural members of gates which are in contact shall be fully welded by a method that will procure a continuous weld on all sides and faces of joints at exposed edged. Surplus welding material shall be removed.

3.0 EXECUTION:

3.01 INSTALLATION:

- (a) The site for the fencing shall be sufficiently cleared of obstructions, and surface irregularities shall be graded so that the fence will conform to the general contour of the ground. The bottom of the fence shall be placed a uniform distance above the ground, as shown on the plans.
- (b) Posts shall be set in concrete as shown on the plans, and shall be centered in the concrete. The tops of concrete bases shall be finished smooth slightly above the ground surface and sloped to drain.
- (c) After the posts have been installed and the concrete has set so that it will not be damaged, the rails and bracing shall be installed.
- (d) The fence fabric shall be tightly stretched and fastened to all rails and posts. Care shall be taken to not stretch the wire so tightly that it will break in cold weather or pull the posts out of line. Fastening to gate, end or corner posts shall be with stretcher bars, clamps and bolts. Top selvage shall be dressed flush with the top rail and the bottom shall be 1-1/2 inches above the ground. Provide a 6 gauge high carbon tension wire along the bottom. Fabric shall be spiced by pulling the ends together and twisting in a spiral connection link or picket so as to make a continuous piece of fabric between end, corner and gate posts, as the case may be.
- (e) The gates shall be hung level and plumb with gate fittings on braced gate post, and shall be attached in such a manner that they cannot be lifted off the hinges. Gates shall be adjusted for easy and proper operation. Gate

frames shall be made of adequate size members for the gate openings shown. Welded construction may be used, in which case the frame shall be hot-dip galvanized after fabrication. Fabric shall be stretched tight across the frame and permanently and neatly secured. All gates shall be fitted with suitable hardware for locking with a padlock. Hinges shall permit the gates to swing back against the fence line. Provide catch fittings to hold gates and a plunger rod and catch block in the center of the opening of the leaf gates.

Aluminium Ornamental Fencing and Gates

Aluminum ornamental fencing shall be 6 foot high pre-assembled eight foot sections with 1 ½" X 1 ½" horizontal channels and 1" X 1" pickets. Standard picket spacing is 4 7/8" on center providing 3 7/8" air space between pickets. All gates should come with Welded U-Frame, spring-loaded hinges, and a self closing gravity latch. All products shall be powder coated and contain a 30 year limited warranty against chipping, cracking, and flaking.

Gate Hardware for Fire Egress Gate

A Corbin Russwin ED 5200S Series Pushpad Exit Device will be used on all gates that are determined to be needed for fire egress. The exterior trim shall be the Corbin Russwin F357 with the interchangeable core rim cylinder. The device shall be certified and compliant with ANSI A156.3 Type 28, Grade 1 and A117.1 Accessibility Code. In addition there shall be a five year limited warranty. All gates installed with push bar shall have plexi-glass mounted to the exterior of the gate to prevent keyless entry.

REPAIR:

Repair coatings damaged in the shop or during field erection by recoating with hot applied repair compound. Apply per manufacturer's recommendations.

CLEAN-UP:

Remove all debris from the site created by the fence work. Area shall be left in a neat professional manner.

QUALITY ASSURANCE:

Protection of District Property:

The Contractor shall protect from damage due to his work, methods, procedures and workmen, the District's property including building surfaces, finishes, systems, equipment, furniture, supplies, and other components. The Contractor shall repair or cause to be repaired damage to District property.

Products and Materials:

The Contractor shall use materials and products in the work which are new and of top quality. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility for protection, storage, safety and damage to stored and installed materials until Substantial Completion.

Qualifications of Work Persons:

The Contractor shall use skilled work persons who are thoroughly trained and experienced in the necessary crafts and trades.

Workmanship:

The Contractor shall cause the parts to be securely anchored, bonded, joined and secured together, the installation to be done in a workman-like manner in accordance with the best recognized practices, and the working parts to be adjusted and left in perfect working order.

Corrections in the Work:

The Contractor shall replace work rejected by the District as defective or as non-conforming within 10 days from written notice of rejection at no cost to the District.

SAFETY:

The Contractor shall provide safety barricades, fences, temporary walks, and signals in compliance with legal requirements, police regulations, and/or as requested by Charleston County School District at no additional cost.

CONTRACT:

ENTERING INTO CONTRACT: The District shall not enter into or sign any agreement, contract or other document that conflicts in any way with the District's General Terms and Conditions and the requirements of this solicitation. Proposers should submit for review any agreement, contract or other document that the firm wishes the District to sign, with the proposal. Submittal of such agreement, contract or other document does not constitute an acceptance of any terms and /or conditions contained in such document. Agreements, contracts or other documents that infringe upon the rights of the District or are not in the best interest of the District shall be determined to be non-responsive. The rights and authority of such determination is reserved solely by the staff of the District's Contracts & Procurement Services Department. By Submitting a solicitation response, the proposer acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to inquire about the District's Procurement Code, this solicitation and other District policy.

Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form provided; enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder, CCSD Identification Number of contract being bid and name of project. All Bids must comply with the laws of the State of South Carolina. Indicate your company name on each page of the Bid Form.

8.0 Bidding Schedule/Cost Proposal

Item #	Description	Per linear ft. Galvanized Cost	Per linear ft. Vinyl Cost	Per linear ft. Aluminum Cost
1.	Fence Chain link industrial Schedule 40, 2-1/2" line set in concrete 10' O.C., 3" end post set in concrete, 6' high with 1-5/8" top rail 9 gauge wire, galv. Steel, Knuckle/knuckle	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A
2.	Fence Chain link industrial Schedule 40, 2-1/2" line set in concrete and 3" end post 10' O.C. set in concrete, 4' high with top rail 9 gauge wire, galv. Steel, Knuckle/knuckle	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A
3.	Components: (Installed) 9 gauge wire – SS40 pipe - Fabric only 4' high	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A
4.	6' Ornamental Aluminum (Installed)	N/A	\$ _____	N/A
5.	Fabric only 6' high	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A
6.	Top rail – 5/8" O.D.	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Item #	Description	Per each Galvanized Cost	Per each Vinyl Cost	Per each Aluminum Cost
7.	Posts line 4' high	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A
8.	Posts line 6' high	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A
9.	Gate, walk for 4' high fence	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A
10.	Gate, walk for 6' high fence by 4' wide	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
11.	Gate, walk for 6' high fence by 6' wide	N/A	\$ _____	\$ _____
12.	Gate, double for 4' high fence by 10' wide	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A

Item #	Description	Per each Galvanized Cost	Per each Vinyl Cost	Per each Aluminum Cost
13.	Gate, double for 6' high fence by 10' wide	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
14.	Gate, drive 12' for 4' high fence	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A
15.	Gate, drive 12' for 6' high fence	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
16.	Gate, Roll manual – 16' x 6'	\$ _____	\$ _____	N/A
17.	3 strand barb wire	\$ _____	N/A	N/A
18.	Vinyl slats for 6' fencing	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Item #	Description			Cost
19.	(Slat link 2" mesh w/regular privacy slats)	Linear ft.		\$ _____
20.	Vinyl slats for 6' fencing (Privacy link fencing 3-1/2" x 5" mesh with supreme privacy slats) fabric only (Installed)	Linear ft.		\$ _____
21.	Fence & fabric removal for 6' & 4'	Linear ft		\$ _____
22.	Fence fabric removal only for 6' or 4'	Linear ft		\$ _____
23.	Push bar with cylinder (Installed)	Each		\$ _____

Work that needs to be done but not part of the contract. Cost + _____ %

Other types of fencing (wood, ornamental etc.) Cost+ _____ %

Pricing to include delivery, unloading by vendor, and all supplies, installation and removal of all debris.

The undersigned, as bidder, proposes and agrees, if this bid is accepted, to contract with Charleston County School District, in the form of contract specified, to pay all required fees and permits, and to furnish any necessary materials, tools, equipment, apparatus, transportation, and labor to complete the projects, and has bid in full and complete accordance with the shown, noted, described and reasonably intended requirements of the contract documents.

1. The bidder further declares that he/she has examined the site of work and has become thoroughly familiar with all conditions pertaining to the work to be performed. The bidder also has examined the plans and specifications for the work and contractual documents relative thereto, and has read all special provisions furnished prior to the opening of bids; that he/she has been satisfied relative to the work to be performed.

2. The bidder agrees that this Bid Proposal is valid from bid date to 90 days hence.
3. **The bidder finally agrees that this IFB supersedes any and all previous agreements, both written and oral, and that the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall exclusively govern the agreement between the parties.**

Company Name

Name of Authorized Rep. – Typed or Printed

Street Address/P.O. Box

Signature of Authorized Representative

City/State/Zip

Date

INFORMATION TO SUBMIT WITH BID

Attachment C: Questionnaire

- A. Offeror’s Checklist**
- B. Minority Participation Affidavit**
- C. Questionnaire**
- D. MBE Utilization Commitment Form**
- E. Statement of Intent to Perform Work without Subcontracting**
- F. Certificate of Minority Business Enterprise Unavailability**
- G. Charleston County School District No Bid Form**

9.0 ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION

Attachment A

OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

Web site:

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

- COMPLETED AND SIGNED ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.
- 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 DISTRICTS MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPERLY MARKED ALL PROTECTED, CONFIDENTIAL, OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEADING ENTITLED: FOIA BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS, SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. ***DO NOT MARK YOUR ENTIRE BID 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 A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACTUALLY BIND YOUR BUSINESS SIGNS THE COVER PAGE.
- 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! IF THIS SOLICITATION INCLUDES A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE OR A QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD, RAISE YOUR QUESTIONS AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS! PLEASE SEE BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS AND ANY PROVISIONS REGARDING PRE-BID CONFERENCES.**

NOTE: 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.

Attachment B

Minority Participation Affidavit

- 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? _____%
- 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? _____%

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
- _____ Temporary certification
- _____ Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)

Note: *If more than one minority Contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.*

Attachment C

QUESTIONNAIRE

The Bidder shall answer the following questionnaire which shall be used in the bid evaluation process in order to determine the responsible bidder.

1. SAFETY:

Have you had any OSHA fines within the last three (3) years? YES NO

Have you had jobsite fatalities within the last five (5) years? YES NO

If you have answered **YES** to either of the above questions, you **MUST** submit on a separate sheet the details describing the circumstances surrounding each incident.

2. EXPERIENCE:

Years in business under present name: _____

Years performing work specialty: _____

Licenses currently valid in force: _____

3. LICENSE SANCTIONS:

List any regulatory or license agency sanctions. The District may perform a background check on respondent with all state and regulatory agencies. _____

4. REFERENCES

Provide three references from companies/agencies you have provided similar services to in the past two (2) years.

Reference #1

Industry: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Telephone #: _____

Reference #2

Industry: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Telephone #: _____

Reference #3

Industry: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Telephone #: _____

Attachment E

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PERFORM WORK WITHOUT SUBCONTRACTING

Firm Name: _____

Project: _____

Bid/Proposal #: _____

Signature: _____

It is the intent of the above named firm to self-perform 100% of the work as outlined in this bid/proposal.

The bidder/proposer states the following:

1. That it is a normal business practice of the bidder to perform **all elements** of this type contract with its own employees.
2. That if it should become necessary to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date, the bidder/proposer will notify program manager and provide documented good-faith efforts to comply with all requirements of the MBE program in providing equal opportunities to MBE firms.
3. Bidder/proposer will provide equal opportunity for MBEs to participate in significant material-supplier opportunities available under this scope of work and will document good faith efforts as required by program manager.

Attachment G

**CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO BID REPLY FORM**

BID TITLE: B1818 DISTRICT WIDE FENCING

IF YOU INTEND TO ENTER A “NO BID” RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR BIDS, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR REASONS BELOW. WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION TO BETTER IDENTIFY BIDDERS FOR PARTICULAR COMMODITIES, UPDATE OUR RECORDS AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND CONTENT OF OUR REQUESTS FOR BIDS. THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT PRECLUDE YOUR RECEIPT OF FUTURE INVITATIONS UNLESS YOU REQUEST REMOVAL FROM THE BIDDERS LIST OR FROM A PARTICULAR PRODUCT CATEGORY. WE TREAT THIS “NO BID” RESPONSE AS A PROPER REPLY TO AN INVITATION. FAILURE TO RETURN THIS FORM FOR A “NO BID” COULD RESULT IN YOUR BEING REMOVED FROM THE BIDDERS LIST AS “NOT INTERESTED”.

1. We do not wish to participate in the bid process.

2. We do not wish to bid under the terms and conditions of the request for bid document. Our objections are.....

3. We do not feel we can be competitive.

4. We cannot submit a bid because of the marketing or franchising policies of the manufacturing company.

5. We do not wish to sell to Charleston County School District. Our objections are.....

6. We do not sell the items/service on which bids are requested.

7. Other _____

8. We wish to remain on the bidders' list.

9. We wish to be deleted from the bidders' list.

10. Remove us from this item(s)/service only.

COMPANY NAME _____

SIGNED _____

Date: _____