


# Invitation to Bid

<p><b>Lallie Kemp Medical Center</b></p> <p>VENDOR NO. :          SOLICITATION : <b>000557</b>          OPENING DATE : <b>05/20/2024</b>          PRINT YOUR COMPANY'S NAME &amp; ADDRESS BELOW:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		<p>BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 20, 2024      09:00 AM</b></p> <p>Return Sealed Bid to:          Purchasing Department          52579 Highway 51 South          Independence LA 70443</p> <p>BUYER : <b>McIntyre Margaret S</b>          BUYER PHONE : <b>985/878-1472</b>          DATE ISSUED : <b>04/16/2024</b>          REQ. NO : <b>0027787</b>          FISCAL YEAR : <b>2025</b></p>
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From Req ID - 0027787

### INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. READ THE ENTIRE BID, INCLUDING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS.
  - DIVERSE SUPPLIER
  - (A) SUPPLIER UNDERSTANDS THAT LSU, AS THE STATE'S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY, HAS AN INTEREST IN PROVIDING ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVERSITY-OWNED BUSINESSES. THE UNIVERSITY IS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITY, WOMEN, AND SMALL AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES ("DIVERSE BUSINESSES") BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIVERSITY CONTRACTS.
  - (B) IN SUPPORT OF THIS COMMITMENT, THE SUPPLIER SHALL USE GOOD FAITH AND BEST EFFORTS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVERSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE EITHER CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OR ANOTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY IN A DIVERSE CATEGORY, AS A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.
  - (C) IF APPLICABLE, SUPPLIER SHALL PROVIDE LSU WITH A LIST OF DIVERSITY-OWNED BUSINESSES DURING EACH CONTRACT YEAR, THE LIST OF BUSINESSES SHOULD IDENTIFY:
    - (1) THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS;
    - (2) ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR ADDRESS;
    - (3) THE OWNER(S); AND
    - (4) THE SERVICES OR GOODS THAT IT MAY PROVIDE OR SUPPLY AND THE VALUE OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES PROCURED FROM THE BUSINESSES INCLUDED ON SUPPLIER'S LIST.
  - (D) TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW, RULE, OR REGULATION WOULD REQUIRE THAT THIS SECTION BE MODIFIED OR VOIDED, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT SUCH PROVISION CAN BE AMENDED OR SEVERED FROM THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT AFFECTING ANY OF THE OTHER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.
2. ALL BID PRICES MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK. ANY CORRECTIONS, ERASURES OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATION TO UNIT PRICES SHOULD BE INITIALIZED BY THE BIDDER.
3. BID PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS F.O.B. DESTINATION OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. BIDS CONTAINING "PAYMENT IN ADVANCE" OR "C.O.D." REQUIREMENTS MAY BE REJECTED. PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PROPERLY EXECUTED INVOICE OR DELIVERY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.
4. SPECIFY YOUR PAYMENT TERMS: \_\_\_\_\_ . CASH DISCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR LESS THAN 1% WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING AWARDS

BY SIGNING THIS BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES:

- \* THAT NEITHER THIS BUSINESS ENTITY NOR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS IS CURRENTLY LISTED AS EXCLUDED OR SANCTIONED BY EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG) OR THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) .
- \* THAT IF THIS BUSINESS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEAR ON EITHER LISTING, MY BID WILL BE REJECTED.

<b>VENDOR PHONE NUMBER:</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>		
<b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED BIDDER (MUST BE SIGNED)</b>	<b>NAME OF BIDDER (TYPED OR PRINTED)</b>	

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BIDDER:

\* THAT IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THIS INVITATION TO BID, THIS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEARS ON EITHER LISTING, MY COMPANY WILL NOTIFY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY, AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE TERMINATED. THE CONTRACTING AGENCY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM SAID TERMINATION.

THE BIDDER FURTHER CERTIFIES:

- \* COMPLIANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS.
- \* THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD.
- \* THAT ALL TAXES DULY ASSESSED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND IT'S SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING FRANCHISE TAXES, PRIVILEGE TAXES, SALES TAXES AND ALL OTHER TAXES FOR WHICH THE FIRM IS LIABLE HAVE BEEN PAID.
- \* THAT IF MY BID IS ACCEPTED WITHIN \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS FROM BID CLOSING TIME, MY FIRM WILL FURNISH ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS (OR SECTIONS) AT THE PRICE OPPOSITE EACH ITEM (OR SECTION).
- \* DELIVERY WILL BE MADE WITHIN \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.

5. DESIRED DELIVERY: 10 DAYS ARO, UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE
6. TO ASSURE CONSIDERATION OF YOUR BID, SEE HEADER FOR RETURN INSTRUCTIONS. ALL BIDS AND ADDENDA SHOULD BE RETURNED IN AN ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE AND CLEARLY ENDORSED WITH THE BID NUMBER, BID OPENING DATE AND, BID OPENING TIME. REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS AND ADDENDA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA FAX, EMAIL OR PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE AND DELIVERED.
7. BIDS SUBMITTED ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO L.R.S. 39:1551-1736; PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS; EXECUTIVE ORDERS; STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS; SPECIAL CONDITIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS SOLICITATION.  
PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATORY BOYCOTTS OF ISRAEL:  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2018-15, EFFECTIVE MAY 22, 2018, FOR ANY CONTRACT FOR \$100,000 OR MORE AND FOR ANY CONTRACTOR WITH FIVE OR MORE EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTOR, OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, SHALL CERTIFY IT IS NOT ENGAGING IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL, AND SHALL, FOR THE DURATION OF THIS CONTRACT, REFRAIN FROM A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. THE STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT IF THE CONTRACTOR, OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, ENGAGES IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT.
8. IMPORTANT: THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR (SEE NO.31).
9. INQUIRIES: ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BUYER AT THE PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.
10. BID FORMS: ALL WRITTEN BIDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMS PROVIDED, PROPERLY SIGNED (SEE #31). BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION PRIOR TO BID OPENING TIME IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED.
11. STANDARDS OR QUALITY. ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BID SHALL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOLICITATION. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION, ANY MANUFACTURER'S NAME, TRADE NAME, BRAND NAME, OR CATALOG NUMBER USED IN THE SPECIFICATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIBING THE STANDARD OF QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, AND CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED AND IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT COMPETITION. BIDDER MUST SPECIFY THE BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER OF THE PRODUCT OFFERED IN HIS/HER BID. BIDS NOT SPECIFYING BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS OFFERING THE EXACT PRODUCTS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.
12. DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION. BIDDERS PROPOSING AN EQUIVALENT BRAND OR MODEL SHOULD SUBMIT WITH THE BID, INFORMATION (SUCH AS ILLUSTRATIONS, DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, TECHNICAL DATA) SUFFICIENT FOR LSUHSC TO EVALUATE QUALITY, SUITABILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO

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SUBMIT DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE BID TO BE REJECTED. ANY CHANGE MADE TO A MANUFACTURER'S PUBLISHED SPECIFICATION SUBMITTED FOR A PRODUCT SHALL BE VERIFIABLE BY THE MANUFACTURER. IF ITEM(S) BID DO NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS (INCLUDING BRAND AND/OR PRODUCT NUMBER), BIDDER MUST STATE IN WHAT RESPECT ITEMS(S) DEVIATE. FAILURE TO NOTE EXCEPTIONS ON THE BID FORM WILL NOT RELIEVE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S) FROM SUPPLYING THE ACTUAL PRODUCTS REQUESTED.

13. BID OPENING. BIDDERS MAY ATTEND THE BID OPENING, BUT NO INFORMATION OR OPINIONS CONCERNING THE ULTIMATE CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE BID OPENING OR DURING THE EVALUATION PROCESS. BIDS MAY BE EXAMINED WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER BID OPENING. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO COMPLETED FILES MAY BE SECURED BY VISITING LSUHSC DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. WRITTEN BID TABULATIONS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED.
14. AWARDS. AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER. LSUHSC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD ITEMS SEPARATELY, GROUP, OR IN TOTAL, AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES.
15. PRICES. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY LSUHSC IN THE SOLICITATION, BID PRICES MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION PREPAID BY BIDDER TO DESTINATION AND FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS. IF ACCEPTED, PRICES MUST BE FIRM FOR THE CONTRACTUAL PERIOD. BIDS OTHER THAN F.O.B. DESTINATION MAY BE REJECTED. PRICES SHOULD BE QUOTED IN THE UNIT (EACH, BOX, CASE, ETC.) AS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.
16. DELIVERIES. BIDS MAY BE REJECTED IF THE DELIVERY TIME INDICATED IS LONGER THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.
17. TAXES. VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING ALL APPLICABLE TAXES IN THE BID PRICE. LSUHSC AGENCIES ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL STATE AND LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES.
18. NEW PRODUCTS. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE SOLICITATION, ALL PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE MUST BE NEW, NEVER PREVIOUSLY USED, AND THE CURRENT MODEL AND/OR PACKAGING. NO REMANUFACTURED, DEMONSTRATOR, USED OR IRREGULAR PRODUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PURCHASE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION. THE MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD WARRANTY WILL APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.
19. CONTRACT RENEWALS. UPON AGREEMENT OF LSU HCSO AND THE CONTRACTOR, A TERM CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR ADDITIONAL 12 MONTH PERIODS AT THE SAME PRICES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS. IN SUCH CASES, THE TOTAL CONTRACT TERM CANNOT EXCEED 60 MONTHS. RS 39:1615
20. CONTRACT CANCELLATION. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY CONTRACT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS, FOR CAUSE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:
  - (1) FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT;
  - (2) FAILURE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS, CONFORM TO SAMPLE QUALITY OR TO BE DELIVERED IN GOOD CONDITION;
  - (3) MISREPRESENTATION BY THE CONTRACTOR;
  - (4) FRAUD, COLLUSION CONSPIRACY OR OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS OF OBTAINING ANY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE;
  - (5) CONFLICT OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW;
  - (6) ANY OTHER BREACH OF CONTRACT.
21. DEFAULT OF CONTRACT. FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE BID WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT AND MAY CAUSE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT. WHERE THE UNIVERSITY HAS DETERMINED THE CONTRACTOR TO BE IN DEFAULT, THE UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE ANY OR ALL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES COVERED BY THE CONTRACT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND TO CHARGE THE CONTRACTOR WITH COST IN EXCESS OF THE CONTRACT PRICE. UNTIL SUCH ASSESSED CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID, NO SUBSEQUENT BID FROM THE DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED.
22. ORDER OF PRIORITY. IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR STANDARD CONDITIONS AND THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS, THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN.
23. APPLICABLE LAW. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.
24. COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS BID, BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE

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REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING AS APPLICABLE: TITLE VI AND VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED BY THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1972, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246, FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED, THE VETERAN'S READJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974, TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972, THE AGE ACT OF 1975, AND BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990. BIDDER AGREES NOT TO DISCRIMINATE IN ITS EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND WILL RENDER SERVICES UNDER ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, DISABILITY, VETERAN STATUS, OR ANY OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR. ANY ACT OF DISCRIMINATION COMMITTED BY BIDDER, OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS WHEN APPLICABLE, SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION.

25. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. ANY "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY" AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WHO HAS SUBMITTED A BID AND DESIRES TO ATTEND THE BID OPENING, MUST NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING DATE OF THEIR NEED FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. IF THE REQUEST CANNOT BE REASONABLY PROVIDED, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE INFORMED PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING.
26. INDEMNITY. CONTRACTOR AGREES, UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF A CLAIM OR ACTION, TO DEFEND THE CLAIM OR ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURE, TO INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, LSUHSC, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS FOR BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION AS SET FORTH ABOVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR ACTION FROM BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE FAULT OF THE UNIVERSITY, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS OR ITS EMPLOYEES.
27. INTERPRETATION OF DOCUMENT: ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENT WILL ONLY BE MADE BY AN ADDENDUM ISSUED IN WRITING BY THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. SUCH ADDENDUM WILL BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO EACH PERSON RECEIVING A SET OF THE ORIGINAL BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENTS. LSUHSC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OTHER EXPLANATION OR INTERPRETATION OF THE DOCUMENTS.
28. ACCEPTANCE OF BID: ONLY THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR A SIGNED CONTRACT CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE ON THE PART OF LSUHSC.
29. ADHERENCE TO JCAHO STANDARDS: WHERE APPLICABLE, LSUHSC IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS AND AS SUCH ALL CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND VENDORS AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION.
30. PREFERENCE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 39:1595, A PREFERENCE MAY BE ALLOWED FOR PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN, OR ASSEMBLED IN LOUISIANA OF EQUAL QUALITY.  
DO YOU CLAIM THIS PREFERENCE? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIFY THE LINE NUMBER (S) \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIFY LOCATION WITHIN LOUISIANA WHERE THIS PRODUCT IS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN OR ASSEMBLED \_\_\_\_\_  
(NOTE: IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, INCLUDE ON SEPARATE SHEET.)  
DO YOU HAVE A LOUISIANA BUSINESS WORK FORCE? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, DO YOU CERTIFY THAT AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF YOUR LOUISIANA WORKFORCE IS COMPRISED OF LOUISIANA RESIDENTS? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
FAILURE TO SPECIFY ABOVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE ELIMINATION FROM PREFERENCES.  
PREFERENCES SHALL NOT APPLY TO SERVICE CONTRACTS.
31. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH L.R.S. 39:1594 (ACT 121), THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID MUST BE:  
31.1.A CURRENT CORPORATE OFFICER, PARTNERSHIP MEMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT

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A BID AS REFLECTED IN THE APPROPRIATE RECORDS ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE;

OR

31.2. AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR AS REFLECTED BY AN ACCOMPANYING CORPORATE RESOLUTION, CERTIFICATE OR AFFIDAVIT;

OR

31.3. AN INDIVIDUAL LISTED ON THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BIDDER'S APPLICATION AS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE BIDS. BY SIGNING THE BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE.

32. CODE OF CONDUCT

32.1. THE CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - HEALTH CARE SERVICES DIVISION (HCSD) PROVIDES THE GUIDING STANDARDS FOR OUR DECISIONS AND ACTIONS AS MEMBERS OF THE HCSD. ALTHOUGH THE CODE CAN NEITHER COVER EVERY SITUATION IN THE DAILY CONDUCT OF OUR VARIED ACTIVITIES, NOR SUBSTITUTE FOR COMMON SENSE, INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT OR PERSONAL INTEGRITY; IT IS THE DUTY OF EACH OFFICER, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE, LEASED EMPLOYEE, STUDENT AND AGENT ("PERSONNEL") OF THE HCSD TO ADHERE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, TO THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH HEREIN. ALL PERSONNEL OF THE HCSD ARE SUBJECT TO AND SHALL COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT.

32.2. HCSD PERSONNEL, AS DEFINED ABOVE, SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND HCSD POLICIES. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPPA) PERTAINING TO PRIVACY AND INFORMATION SECURITY, AS WELL AS, THE DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005 PERTAINING TO THE DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF FRAUD WASTE AND ABUSE AND RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES TO BE PROTECTED AS WHISTLEBLOWERS UNDER THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT.

32.3. HCSD PERSONNEL SHALL CONDUCT ALL ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS OF THE STATE, THE COMMUNITY, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONS, IN A MANNER THAT UPHOLDS HCSD'S REPUTATION AND STANDING.

32.4. HCSD PERSONNEL HAVE A DUTY TO AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND MAY NOT USE THEIR POSITIONS OR AFFILIATION WITH THE HCSD FOR PERSONAL BENEFIT.

32.5. HCSD PERSONNEL SHALL STRIVE TO ATTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF PATIENT CARE AS STATED IN THE HCSD MISSION.

32.6. THE HCSD SHALL PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND PERSONNEL SHALL RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF ALL PATIENTS AND PERSONNEL.

32.7. HCSD PERSONNEL MUST UPHOLD THE HIGHEST MORAL AND ETHICAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND HEALTH RELATED RESEARCH.

32.8. HCSD PERSONNEL SHALL MAINTAIN PROPER ACCURATE AND COMPLETE RECORDS AND A RELATIONSHIP OF INTEGRITY WITH ALL PAYOR SOURCES.

32.9. ALL BUSINESS PRACTICES OF THE HCSD AND ITS PERSONNEL SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.

32.10. HCSD SHALL HAVE PROPER REGARD FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR ITS PERSONNEL AND PATIENTS.

32.11. THE CODE OF CONDUCT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL BASIS FOR THE OPERATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE HCSD.

32.12. HOW TO REPORT A SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF THE CODE A SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT MAY BE REPORTED WITH ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION TO YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR. SUCH MATTERS MAY ALSO BE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT. IN EITHER CASE, THIS REPORTING MAY BE DONE WITHOUT FEAR OF RETALIATION.

HCSD COMPLIANCE OFFICE 225-922-0572

COMPLIANCE ACCESS LINE AT 1- 800-735-1185.

32.13. REPORTS TO THE COMPLIANCE OFFICE OR ACCESS LINE MAY BE ANONYMOUS AND WILL BE MAINTAINED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

32.14. VIEW THE ENTIRE HCSD CODE OF CONDUCT AT [HTTP://WWW.LSUOHOSPITALS.ORG/POLICIES/PUBLIC/DEFAULT.ASP](http://www.lsuohospitals.org/policies/public/default.asp) FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PAGE CLICK ON 8500 COMPLIANCE AND THEN 8501-07 CODE OF CONDUCT.

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33. CORPORATE BUSINESS INTEREST

33.1. ALL VENDORS AND/OR BIDDERS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING VENDOR AND/OR BIDDER'S BUSINESS STRUCTURE, MEMBERS, OR THOSE WITH A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN VENDOR AND/OR BIDDER'S BUSINESS SHOULD THAT INFORMATION BE REQUESTED BY LSUHSCSD. ANY FAILURE BY VENDOR AND/OR BIDDER TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION MAY BE CAUSE TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT OR TO CONSIDER THE BID AS NONRESPONSIVE. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH BID; IF NOT SUBMITTED WITH BID, IT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 3 DAYS OF REQUEST OR BID MAY BE REJECTED. ADDITIONALLY, VENDOR AND/OR BIDDER SHALL UPDATE THIS INFORMATION SHOULD THERE BE ANY CHANGE IN THE CORPORATE STRUCTURE AND/OR OWNERSHIP OF VENDOR AND/OR BIDDER'S COMPANY.

33.2. VENDORS AND/OR BIDDERS SHALL DO THEIR BEST TO PREVENT ANY CONFLICTED RELATIONSHIPS OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH LSUHSCSD PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BID. FURTHER, VENDORS AND/OR BIDDERS SHALL NOT USE ANY EXISTING CONFLICTED PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH LSUHSCSD PERSONNEL AS AN ADVANTAGE IN THE BID OF AND/OR AWARD OF THIS CONTRACT.

33.3. THE CODE OF CONDUCT CONTAINED IN THE INVITATION TO BID SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO VENDOR AND/OR BIDDER, ITS EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES AS IF THEY WERE EMPLOYEES OF LSUHSCSD.

WHEN APPLICABLE, AND IF NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE HIPAA PRIVACY RULE, THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE OUR BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM, WHICH MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER REQUEST, WHEN REQUESTED.

A SAMPLE OF OUR CURRENT BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM CAN BE FOUND ON THE HCSO WEB SITE AT: [HTTP://WEBDEV.LSUHSC.EDU/HCSO/HIPAA/](http://webdev.lsuhs.edu/hcsd/hipaa/).

34. AUDIT OF RECORDS: THE STATE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, FEDERAL AUDITORS, AND INTERNAL AUDITORS OF THE STATE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT AND AUDIT ALL TIMEKEEPING AND EXPENSE RECORDS OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY TO SUBSTANTIATE AMOUNTS INVOICED BY SUPPLIER WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT. THE RIGHTS OF INSPECTION AND AUDIT SHALL COMMENCE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND SHALL CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER PROJECT ACCEPTANCE OR AS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW. THE CONTRACTING ENTITY AND ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY SHALL MAINTAIN ALL TIMEKEEPING AND EXPENSE RECORDS RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE ENUMERATED FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD.

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BIDDER:

Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce a bid that will provide linen services to the Hospital. The Hospital seeks to award a 3 year contract effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. At its discretion, the Hospital shall have the option of renewing for 2 additional one year terms at the same terms and conditions not to exceed a total of 36 months.

Please see the attached specifications for terms and conditions of this solicitation.

All quantities are estimates and could be more or less than shown. The unit price should be stated as the cost per pound of cleaned linen.

Schedule of Events:

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Hospital's Warehouse Conference Room

Deadline for Vendor Inquiries: Friday, May 3, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Deadline for Responses to Vendor Inquiries: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Bid Opening: Monday, May 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Hospital's Warehouse Conference Room

All vendor inquiries should be submitted by email to Mr. Brian Smith, Facility Services Director, at [rsmi26@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:rsmi26@lsuhsc.edu)

Please note the deadlines, mandatory pre-bid conference, and site visit. No late vendor inquiries will be responded to. Failure to attend the mandatory pre-bid conference in its entirety will be cause to invalidate the bid. Bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

All bids shall be submitted via mail to the following address:

Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center  
Attn: Thomas Pounds, Purchasing Manager  
52579 Highway 51 South  
Independence, LA 70443

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UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE SHIP TO: 52579 Highway 51 South Independence LA 70443					
Line No.	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Extended Amount
1	LINEN SERVICE FY25 Specify brand, model bid(if applicable)	150,000.00	LBS		



## SPECIFICATIONS FOR LINEN SERVICES SOLICITATION #000557

### Introduction:

Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce a bid that will provide linen services to the Hospital. The Hospital is a state public hospital located at 52579 Highway 51 South, Independence, LA 70443. Please refer to the below specifications for the bid requirements.

### Effective Date and Term:

The awarded contract will have an effective date of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center shall have at its discretion the option of renewing for two (2) additional one year terms at the same terms and conditions for a period not to exceed thirty-six (36) month.

### Vendor Experience:

The awarded vendor must have a minimum of 3 years of providing linen services within a healthcare setting. The vendor shall be accredited by the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC).

### Leased Laundry:

The awarded vendor will provide all linen for Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center, including but not limited to sheets, pillowcases, blankets, scrubs, cubicle curtains, towels, washcloths, etc.

### Clean Linen:

The provider must ensure that the user receives hygienically clean linen. Acceptable linen standards should be established jointly by the provider including:

1. Processing procedure and technique. Vendor must provide documentation and identify chemicals used in the cleaning/rinsing process to show compliance with state guidelines.
2. Physical appearance of linen must be acceptable.
3. Condition of linen must be acceptable for Infection Control Officer and Housekeeping Manager.
4. Items returned for rewash, will not have a charge fee.
5. All sheets and pillowcases shall be finished by flatwork ironer. All other linen shall be fluff-dried and folded. Scrub pants, scrub shirts and warm-up jackets shall be tunnel finished and folded. Lab coats shall be pressed and delivered on hangers.

### Replacement Linen:

Replacement linen must be included for all linen damaged, stained, lost, or deemed not acceptable. Par levels must be replenished to ensure adequate service to our facility. If a delivery is made that contains damaged, lost, or stained linens that results in our inventory being below par levels, then replacement linen must be delivered as soon as possible or no later than the next day.

### Delivery Process:

1. Clean linen shall be transported in clean containers used exclusively for this purpose.
2. Placing clean linen in a cart, lined with a clean liner is acceptable.
3. This cart should then be covered with a clean cover, or the liner must be secured to preserve the integrity of the clean linen.
4. The container used to transport soiled linen is to be properly cleaned and disinfected before it is used to transport clean linen.
5. Each cart of clean linen shall have a packing slip listing its contents, itemized by description and total weight listed in pounds.

### Personal Items Found In Laundry:

Personal items (billfolds, jewelry, glasses, dental devices, etc.) and medical items (splints, etc.) found in soiled linen carts shall be safely and securely packaged and returned to Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center promptly with a documented report.

Reports:

Vendor to furnish semi-annual reports on cultures of linen samples to the Hospital's Housekeeping Manager and Facility Director for review by the Hospital's Infection Control Officer. These reports shall be available as requested by Hospital staff.

Properly Cleaned Procedures:

Cleaning procedures and maintenance of containers, liners, and covers shall be approved by the Hospital's Facility Plant Director and Infection Control Officer. Written procedures of cleaning and maintenance of containers used for transport must be approved by the Hospital's Infection Control Officer and Facility Plant Director. Inside areas of vehicles and trailers used for transport must be kept clean at all times.

Plant Facilities:

The laundry facility should be designed, equipped, and ventilated to minimize the dissemination of microbial contaminants. Semi-annual reports on infection control for our linen being delivered will be required. These reports shall be available as requested by Hospital staff. Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center shall have the right to inspect the vendor's laundry facility where the linen is being processed. These inspections may be announced or unannounced and occur annually or more frequently as circumstances are deemed necessary.

Disaster Plan:

The vendor shall provide a written contingency plan to Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center indicating alternative provisions that may be followed if the vendor is unable to meet the production requirements of the user. This plan shall be included in the contractual arrangements, which may include an off-site vendor or source. In this event, the linen must be kept within the standards of the contract for cleaning and delivery of the linen to our facility.

Cubicle Curtains:

Curtain cleaning shall follow the same guidelines as other linens. Curtains shall be pressed and delivered on hangers.

Service Times:

Delivery of clean linen and pickup of soiled linen shall be made on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week including holidays between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM. The vendor's servicing/distribution center shall be located within 120 miles of the Hospital's address located at 52579 Highway 51, Independence, LA 70443. The awarded vendor shall supply an emergency contact number to receive hospital calls 24/7, including holidays. The vendor's response time shall be no greater than 2 hours.

Invoicing:

The awarded vendor will invoice Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center monthly. The amount invoiced should be stated in terms of pounds of cleaned linen provided to the Hospital during the previous month. The invoice will reflect the amount due to the contractor for the month, as well as supporting documentation on monthly services provided. Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center will process payment monthly to the contractor upon review and approval of the submitted invoice.

Termination of Contract:

Either party may terminate the awarded contract at any time and without penalty by giving sixty (60) days written notice of such termination to the other party or negotiating with the other party a mutually agreed upon termination date. Any notice of termination may be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or via personal delivery service, such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service. The contractor shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent that the services have been performed satisfactorily.

The continuation of this contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the Louisiana Legislature to fulfill the requirements of the contract. If the Legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the contract, or if such appropriation is reduced by veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the Appropriations Act of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds have not been appropriated.

Schedule of Events:

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the facility's Warehouse conference room. All prospective bidders should review the bid specifications and requirements carefully. Failure to attend the pre-bid conference and site visit in its entirety will be cause to invalidate the bid. All

questions concerning this bid shall be submitted in writing via email to Mr. Brian Smith no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, May 3, 2024. Responses to questions will be posted in the form of an addendum on the State of Louisiana's online procurement and contract network website, also known as LaPac, by Wednesday, May 8, 2024 no later than 4:30 PM. The bid opening will occur on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the facility's Warehouse conference room.

Bidder's Inquiries:

All questions related to this solicitation must be submitted in writing via email to Mr. Brian Smith at [rsmi26@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:rsmi26@lsuhsc.edu). Deadline to submit questions concerning this solicitation is Friday, May 3, 2024 at 4:30 PM. All questions will be answered and posted in the form of an addendum on the State of Louisiana's online procurement and contract network website, also known as LaPac, by Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

Evaluation and Award:

Bids must be received at the delivery point no later than the date and time indicated by the bid opening date. Bids should be submitted via mail to the following address:

Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center  
Attn: Thomas Pounds, Purchasing Manager  
52579 Highway 51 South  
Independence, LA 70443