



University of South Carolina
 Purchasing Department
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 Columbia, SC 29208
 Telephone: (803) 777-4115

Request for Quotation

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Quotation must be received No Later Than:	Send quotation to above address Attention of:	Quotation Number:	Date
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Print company name and address:

Please quote your lowest delivered price of the items(s) listed below. The Purchasing Department reserves the right to reject any or all quotes and to waive any or all technicalities.

1. If an item cannot be furnished, indicate by **NO QUOTE**.
2. All quotes must be signed by the vendor's representative and terms noted, failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification of the quote.
3. **FAXED QUOTES ACCEPTABLE.** FAX # (803) 777-2032

If the product preference is applicable follow these instructions:

Check (X) on the appropriate line: SC End Product _____ US End Product _____ **and** indicate by asterick (*) next to the item number on the bid schedule which preference applies.

NON-RESIDENT VENDORS ONLY: Yes _____ No _____ We have read and applied for (or already have) a non-resident taxpayer affidavit (I-312).

RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE: Yes _____ No _____ SC Resident Vendor Preference as defined in Section 11-35-1524 of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code.

Federal I.D. or Social Security No. _____ SC Minority Certification Number (If Applicable) _____

Submitted By (Print Name) _____ Signature _____ Telephone _____

Item No.	Quantity and Unit	Description of Commodity or Services	Unit Price	Total Price



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International Logistician

Principal function:

Analyze and coordinate the logistical functions of a firm or organization. Responsible for the entire life cycle of a product, including acquisition, distribution, internal allocation, delivery, and final disposal of resources.

Consulting Requirements:

1. Develop and implement technical project management tools such as plans, schedules, and task responsibility using Microsoft project 2003 software.
2. Assist in developing proposals that include documentation for estimates.
3. Direct and support the compilation and analysis of technical source data necessary for web based software product development.
4. Assist Team activities, establishing task priorities, scheduling and tracking work assignments, providing guidance, and ensuring the availability of resources.
5. Manage the logistical aspects of software product life cycles, including coordination or testing sample software.
6. Participate in the assessment and testing of design alternatives and design change proposal impacts.
7. Perform systems life cycle cost analysis, and develop studies. Plan, organize, and execute logistic support activities such as maintenance planning, software help-desk analysis, and test equipment recommendation.
8. Provide project management services, including the provision and analysis of technical data.
9. Assist in preparing report of project plans, progress and results.
10. Remain informed of logistics technology advances, and apply appropriate technology in order to improve logistics processes.
11. Collaborate with other departments as necessary to meet customer requirements to take advantage of sales opportunities or in the case of shortages, to minimize negative impacts on the business.
12. Develop an understanding of customer's needs, and take actions to ensure that such needs are met.
13. Explain proposed solutions to customers, management, or other interested parties through written proposals and oral presentations.
14. Maintain and develop positive business relationships with a customer's key personnel involved in or directly relevant to a logistics activity.

15. Assist in managing outsourced of contracted activities, reviewing requests for bids, developing performance specifications, and serving as liaisons between subcontractors and organizations.
16. Review logistics performance with customers against targets, benchmarks and service agreements.
17. Support the development of training materials and technical manuals.

Distinguish Merit and ability of the professional:

To perform the above-mentioned duties, a strong background in courses taught in business administration and some advanced courses/concepts related to operations planning and logistics (e-Business) from an accredited American University is required because the hired professional must understand the user systems in order to analyze the task, and convert into its logistical models or application procedures before implementing the customer support service. The person is required to have knowledge and ability to interact with foreign clients: it is essential for the professional to understand and fluently communicate in at least five (5) foreign languages (one being Eastern European), and have a working experience abroad. The hired professional is required to create strategies; test and refine procedures, implement activities suited to customer projects, or assist in training end users upon satisfactory completion of design and development work. Besides this person is also required to provide non-technical and problem solving support from time to time for variety of services. For this professional position of International Logistician, we require, at the minimum, A bachelor's degree in Business Administration – related field and proficiency in dealing with global clients with at least one year's work experience.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

All amendments to and interpretation of this RFQ shall be in writing. The procurement officer shall not be legally bound by any amendment or interpretation that is not in writing.

SC/US PREFERENCE: In order to receive the South Carolina/United States made, manufactured or grown end-product preference, you must check the appropriate space (s) provided on the face of the quotation form. This preference does not apply to services.

Any contract entered into by the University of South Carolina or its agencies resulting from this quotation shall be subject to cancellation at the end of any fiscal or appropriated year unless otherwise provided by law.

Payment will be made in accordance with Section 11-35-45 of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code and Disbursement Regulations. Delay in receiving invoices, as well as errors and omissions on the invoices, will be considered just cause for withholding payment without losing discount privileges. The University reserves the right to withhold payment or make such deductions as may be necessary to protect the University from loss or damage because of defective work, claims, damages or to pay for repair of correction of materials furnished hereunder.

Quoted prices must remain firm for a period of thirty days beyond the Request for Quotation deadline. Unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated.

The University of South Carolina shall consider payment discounts in the award of this contract when such discounts are for thirty days or more after final inspection and acceptance of contract requirements. Payment discounts for less than thirty days are encouraged but shall not be a factor in award determination. Please state your discount terms using the above referenced information as the University's position on the matter.

All materials and products offered must be guaranteed to meet and comply with the requirements all the specifications, terms and conditions indicated or referred to.

The award will be made in accordance with Section 11-35-1520 of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code.

The University reserves the right to reject any and all quotations and to cancel the solicitation; waive any and all technicalities; the University reserves the right to reject any quotation in which the delivery time indicated to be of substantial length to cause disruption and/or delay in operation for which the item(s) is/are intended; ambiguous quotations which are uncertain as to terms, delivery, quantity or compliance with specifications may be rejected.

The successful contractor assumes sole responsibility and shall hold harmless the University of South Carolina, its directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, actions or liabilities of any nature which may be asserted against them by third parties in connection with the performance of the successful bidder, its directors, officers, employees and agents under this agreement. The University of South Carolina agrees to accept responsibility for claims, actions or liabilities resulting from negligent acts of its employees occurring within the scope of their employment which may be asserted against them by third parties in connection with the performance of the University of South Carolina, its members, directors, officers, employees and agents under this agreement.

Contractor agrees not to refer to award of this contract in commercial advertising in such a manner to state or imply that the products or service provided are endorsed or preferred by the user.

Upon award of a contract under this quotation, the person, partnership, association or corporation to whom the award is made must comply with the laws of South Carolina that require such person or entity to be authorized and/or licensed to do business in this State. Notwithstanding the fact that applicable statutes may be exempt or exclude the successful quoter from requirements that it be authorized and/or licensed to do business in this State, by submission of this signed quote, the quoter agrees to subject itself to the jurisdiction and process of the courts of the State of South Carolina as to all matters and disputes arising or to arise under the contract and the performance thereof, including any questions as to the liability for taxes, licenses or fees levied by the State.

Termination: Subject to the provisions below, the contractor may be terminated for any reason by the University providing a thirty-day advance notice in writing is given to the contractor.

Termination for Convenience: In the event that this contract is terminated or cancelled upon request and for the convenience of the University may negotiate reasonable termination costs, if applicable.

Termination for Cause: Termination by the University for cause, default, or negligence on the part of the Contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provisions; termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The thirty day advance notice requirement is waived and the default provision in this bid shall apply.

HIPAA Law: The Contractor agrees that to the extent that some or all of the activities within the scope of this Contract are subject to the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-91, as amended (“HIPAA”), or its implementing regulations, it will comply with the HIPAA requirements and will execute such agreements and practices as the University of South Carolina may require to ensure compliance. Additional information may be viewed at: <http://www.sc.edu/hipaa/>

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

LICENSES, PERMITS, INSURANCE: All costs for required licenses, permits and insurance shall be borne by the Bidder.

The University of South Carolina requires all contractual activities to be performed in a manner that is consistent with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, rules, rulings and ordinances. These include, but are not limited to: the Occupational safety and Health Act, The Environmental Protection Act, The South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Act.

IMPORTANT – Please Note

Vendors, we **MUST** have your Federal ID # (company) or Social Security # (individual) before processing any invoices for payment. Failure to provide this information will result in delay of payments until this information is received. Please include this information with your quote.