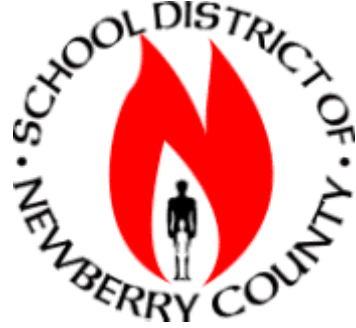


The School District Of Newberry County

Administrative Offices
3419 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108



Request for Proposal: OPS-FM 2017-002

Date Issued: April 25, 2017

Procurement Director: Bryan Gresham

Phone: (803) 321-2600

Fax: (803) 321-2604

E-Mail Address: bgresham@newberry.k12.sc.us

DESCRIPTION: Lawn and Ground Maintenance – District Wide

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Offer" provision.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER REFERENCING SOLICITATION NUMBER, DATE AND TIME OF OPENING, AND PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S NAME TO THE ADDRESS AT THE RIGHT:

MAILING AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
The School District of Newberry County
Attn: Procurement Coordinator Bryan Gresham
PO Box 718 / 3419 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

SUBMIT OFFER BY: **May 16, 2017 @ 2:00 PM** (See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: (1) original , (4) copies marked **COPY**

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **May 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM** (See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

ADDENDUM ISSUED: **May 9, 2017 by 5:00 pm** (If Necessary) (See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

CONFERENCE TYPE: Pre Bid Site Visit (Highly Recommended)
DATE & TIME: **May 3, 2017 @ 8:30 AM** (All Day Event)

LOCATION: District Admin Office
3419 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

INTENT TO AWARD & AWARD

Notice of Award and/or Intent to Award will be posted on the district website www.newberry.k12.sc.us
May 19, 2017 by 5:00 PM

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 one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the Opening Date.

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

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY:
(Check one)

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

Sole Proprietorship

Corporate entity

Federal ID # _____

(Person signing must be authorized to submit binding offer to enter contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)

TITLE: (Business title of person signing above)

South Carolina Minority Vendor

Minority Vendor # _____

PRINTED NAME: (Printed name of person signing above)

DATE SIGNED

Other _____

Instructions regarding Offeror's name: Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the offeror above. An offer may be submitted by only one legal entity. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, *i.e.*, a separate corporation, sole proprietorship, etc.

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION: (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors (b) 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 offeror received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Notice regarding the District's intent to award a contract will be posted on the district's website www.newberry.k12.sc.us on **May 19, 2017 by 5:00 pm** If the contract resulting from this Solicitation has a total or potential value in excess of fifty thousand dollars, but less than \$ 100,000.00 such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation and any award will be effective the day such notice is given. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value of one hundred thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation and any award will not be effective until the eleventh day after such notice is given

BID / PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT: By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with School District of Newberry County. Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. 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.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Officer 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.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION: GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.

(1) By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that:

(A) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to-

- (i) Those prices;
- (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
- (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

(B) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(C) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(2) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:

(A) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or

(B)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the offeror's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification.

(3) If the offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS:

(1) By submitting an Offer, Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that 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 any 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 commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification 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.

(D) 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.

(E) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; 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).

(2) Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Officer 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.

(3) If Offeror is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraph (1), Offer 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 Officer may render the Offeror non-responsible.

(4) 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 (1) 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.

(5) The certification in paragraph 1 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 Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

COMPLETION OF FORMS / CORRECTION OF ERRORS: All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself (including bid schedule).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER: Any offer received after the Procurement Officer or his/her designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected.

DEFINITIONS - Except as otherwise provided herein, the following definitions are applicable to all parts of the solicitation:
AMENDMENT means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.

BOARD means the School District of Newberry County Board of Trustees.

BUYER means the Procurement Officer.

CHANGE ORDER means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract.

CONTRACT See clause entitled Contract Documents & Order of Precedence.

CONTRACT MODIFICATION means a written order signed by the Procurement Officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the contract authorizes the Procurement Officer to order without the consent of the contractor.

CONTRACTOR means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.

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.

OFFER means the bid or proposal submitted in response this solicitation. The terms Bid and Proposal are used interchangeably with the term Offer.

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.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER means the person, or his successor, identified as such on the Cover Page.

YOU and YOUR means Offeror.

SOLICITATION means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.

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.

WORK means all labor, materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

DISTRICT CLOSINGS: If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal District processes so that offers cannot be received at the Procurement 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 the District 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.

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE CERTIFICATION: The State of South Carolina has amended Title 44, code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to health, by adding Chapter 107, so as to enact the Drug-Free Workplace Act. (See Act No. 593, 1990 Acts and Joint Resolutions). By submission of a signed proposal, you are certifying that you will comply with this Act. (See Section 44-107-30)

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.

ETHICS ACT (CERTIFICATE): By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The state may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed.

INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT: Offeror shall submit a signed Cover Page and should submit all other information and documents requested in solicitation.

PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY: (a) All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement. (b) Purchasing Liability. The Procurement Officer is an employee of the School District of Newberry County acting on behalf of the District pursuant to their Procurement Code. Any contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and the School District of Newberry County.

PROCUREMENT CODE AVAILABLE: The School District of Newberry County's Procurement Code, is available at <http://www.newberry.k12.sc.us/>

PROTESTS: (a) Solicitation - 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. (b) Intent to Award - 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 this code. A protest shall be in writing, submitted to the appropriate chief Procurement Officer, 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. [§ 11-35-4210]

PROTEST – ADDRESS: Any protest must be submitted in writing to Jim Suber, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration, PO Box 718 / 3419 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

PUBLIC OPENING: Not applicable for this RFP

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS: (a) Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing, either by mail or electronic communication (e-mail). Questions must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than **June 5, 2017 @ 12:00 pm**. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the Procurement Officer, and the solicitation's title and number. **Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding.** All Questions will be answered via an Addendum, which will be posted on the District's website, www.newberry.k12.sc.us on **June 9, 2017 by 5:00 pm**

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) Responsiveness. Any Offer which fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as nonresponsive. Offers which 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 Officer. (Article 5, Section 1520.13)

(c) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. (Article 5, Section 1520.6.5.5).

(d) Unbalanced Bidding. The District may reject an Offer as nonresponsive 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, all communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer. You agree not to discuss this procurement activity in any way with any other District employees, agents or officials. This restriction may be lifted by express written permission from the Procurement Officer. This restriction expires once a contract has been formed. (b) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, you agree not to give anything to any other District employees, agents or officials prior to award.

SAMPLES-TESTING: Free samples may be required for testing by the District's Facilities staff and/or an independent laboratory. If requested, your failure to provide a sample will result in rejection of your offer. Upon invoice, you agree to pay any reasonable cost incurred for this testing. Unless your sample is accompanied by a request for its return, your sample will not be returned. Your sample may be destroyed during testing.

SIGNING YOUR OFFER: Every Offer must be signed by the 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 venturer 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 has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.

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 contends 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 Article 1, Section 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 Article 5, Section 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 nonresponsive. 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 School District of Newberry County, its officers 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.)

SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION: (a) Offers and offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (unless submitted by 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 offeror. (b) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, each offer must be submitted in a different envelope or package. (c) Each Offeror must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (d) 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. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation. (f) Offers submitted by electronic commerce shall be considered only if the electronic commerce method was specifically stipulated or permitted by the solicitation. (g) It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure that bids submitted by electronic commerce were received by the Procurement Officer.

UNIT PRICE: Unit price must be shown for each item. In determining award, unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated.

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. The withdrawal and correction of Offers is governed by the District's Procurement Code Article 5 Section 1520.7.1.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

The School District of Newberry County, hereafter referred to as the “District”, is accepting proposals from qualified contractors for Grounds Maintenance Services in accordance with the requirements of this solicitation.

The specifications included herein are to be considered as providing minimum desirable features. Any limitations, deviations, or broader features quoted should be designated in your proposal. Otherwise, companies and agents submitting proposals will be held to the specifications.

Due care and diligence have been used in the preparation of this solicitation and the information contained herein is believed to be substantially correct, however, the responsibility for determining the full extent of the exposure and the verification of all information presented herein, shall rest solely upon the proposer.

The District reserves the right to add or delete similar items/services in the contract documents as requirements change during the course of the contract.

The proposer may use a sub-contractor for any portion of this contract, but all sub-contractors must be approved by the District before issuance of contract.

PROJECT INFORMATION:

The District: The School District of Newberry County is composed of three (3) attendance areas: Mid-Carolina, Newberry and Whitmire and consists of seven (7) elementary schools, two (2) middle schools, two (2) high schools, one (1) K-12 community school, one (1) career center, one (1) alternative school/Adult Education center, one (1) district office, three (3) ancillary offices/buildings (Facilities Management, Kit Center, District Office Annex) located throughout the county.

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS:

A. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Contractor’s Relationship with the District: The successful contractor will be a contractor independent of the District. No acts performed for or representations made, whether written or oral, by the proposer to third parties shall bind the District. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the withholding and payment of all federal, state and local personal income, social security, unemployment, worker’s compensation, and other payroll taxes for its’ employees. The District shall have no liability of any sort for the Contractor’s employees.
2. Illegal Immigration: (applicable to service contracts only) By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the District, upon request, any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you; or (b) that you are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, “A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or both.”
 - a) A Contractor employing one-hundred (100) or more employees hereby certifies that it ensures compliance with the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act and will register and participate in a status verification system for all employees. The term “employee” as used herein means any person who is hired to perform work within the State of South Carolina. As used herein, “status verifications system” means (a) the E-Verity employment status verification system, or any successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program, that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the Social Security Administration, or (b) verification that every employee of the Contractor possesses a valid South Carolina driver’s license or identification card, or that every employee of the Contractor possesses a valid driver’s license, or identification card, from another state whose qualification requirements are as strict as those of South Carolina. Contractor also hereby certifies that any Sub-contractor or Sub-subcontractor with the requisite number of employees and performing services for a covered contractor likewise complies with the above requirements.

3. Contractor will be responsible for hiring and training all required employees necessary for this contract and shall comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act. The contractor will not employ at less than the established federal and state minimum wage. The contractor will give each employee a criminal background check. All preliminary criminal background checks (minimum SLED check) must be completed prior to employment and the reports on each employee must be submitted to the Executive Director of Human Resources. All costs for criminal background checks are the responsibility of the contractor. No employee who has police record other than a misdemeanor violation may be assigned duties under this contract. Any employee whose work habits and/or conduct are deemed objectionable shall be removed from the workforce upon request of the District. The contractor shall use skilled persons who are thoroughly trained in the necessary skills for grounds maintenance. Work persons shall not engage in profanity, indecent acts, stealing, use of alcohol, or use of illegal drugs or possession of weapons on School District of Newberry County property. All employees shall be dressed in an appropriate manner authorized by the Contractor. Each employee shall be neat and clean in appearance. Uniforms shall be worn which fully identify the worker as a member of the contractor's workforce.

4. It is the responsibility of the Contractor(s) to secure all equipment during and after use to prevent injury to students or any person not authorized to use such equipment.

5. Contractor(s) shall endeavor to keep all properties in an attractive, professional and presentable state at all times and most particularly prior to opening of a school year and after holidays. A copy of the District's 2012-2013 calendar is attached to this solicitation.

6. Standard of Performance: Contractor must begin and complete the performance of the work required under the contract with all due diligence and must exercise the highest degree of professional skill, confidentiality, and competence in the performance of the services described herein. All services required of Contractor(s) must be performed to the satisfaction and approval of the School District of Newberry County.

III. SPECIAL BID REQUIREMENTS

1. Licenses and Permits

Any and all licenses or permits required to operate in any location utilized in this contract shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

2. Safety

Contractor shall be familiar with and in complete compliance with, OSHA, AHERA, DHEC and EPA requirements and shall report any loss time or major injuries to the District.

3. Workmanship

All workmen shall be thoroughly experienced in the particular trade or class in which they are employed. All work shall be done according to the specifications covering the class or type of work and shall meet the approval, in the field, of the District's representative.

4. Training

The Contractor shall be responsible for providing the proper training for all his employees regarding the proper handling of equipment and application of chemical substances. Damages resulting from the improper application or use of chemical substances will be the responsibility of the contractor. Additionally the Contractor is responsible for providing for all training and certification for his employees as required by AHERA, DHEC, OSHA and EPA regulations.

5. Keys

The District will furnish keys. The Contractor will not have additional keys duplicated. If additional keys are needed, a request will be made to the Director of Facilities Management. Upon termination of a contract, the contractor shall return all keys to the District's representative before the final payment is made.

6. Experience

Contractor must have at least three (3) years of experience with large commercial contracts in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) per contract.

7. Physical Assets

The Contractor must demonstrate to the school district the ability to provide all equipment and trained personnel to fulfill the contractor's obligations to the District. This information must be included as part of the bid.

8. Cost

The price for services must be reasonably comparable to the average cost for similar services performed in the Newberry, Saluda, Fairfield, Laurens and Greenwood County areas.

9. Contractor Employee Policy

The Contractor agrees to be responsible for and provide general supervision of all employees working under this contract. Whenever any employee(s) is working, there shall be a designated supervisor directing his/her work. The Contractor shall ascertain that all his employees abide by the following rules:

A. Employees shall be of good integrity and character. A SLED check shall be conducted on each prospective employee prior to employment as stated in item three (3) regarding Contractor requirements.

B. Employees shall report any property damage to their supervisor immediately. The supervisor shall report such damage in writing, within 24-hours to the school principal and the district Director of Facilities Management (FM) specifying the location and extent of the damage. Failure to report such damage, as required, may be construed as default of the contract. Upon investigation of the incident, the district Director of Facilities Management shall determine if the contractor is at fault.

C. Employees, through their supervisor, will be expected to honor reasonable requests from the district FM department in preparation of special events or activities.

D. Employees shall not engage in idle or unnecessary conversation with District employees, other employees of the Contractor, students, or visitors to the building.

E. Employees shall not remove any article or materials from the premises, regardless of value. This is to include the contents of any item found in the trash containers in or around the premises. Trash items are to be placed in dumpsters or trashcans designated for that purpose.

F. Employees shall abide by all rules, regulations, and policies of the District.

G. The Contractor's supervisor(s) must possess the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with the school staff and other employees. The supervisor shall make contact on a regular basis with the school principal to ensure adequate communication concerning the contract. He/she is responsible for reporting maintenance problems as they arise as well as other problems of mutual concern.

H. The use or possession of alcoholic beverage or other non-prescribed drugs will not be permitted. Contractor's employees who report for work showing evidence of any impaired condition must not be permitted to remain on the premises by the Contractor's supervisor.

I. Contractor's employees shall not use any part of the building and/or grounds other than for purposes expressly stated in this agreement.

J. Contractor's employees will not be permitted to use tobacco products on District property.

K. Any contractor employee who fails to abide by the school district's rules and expectations will be expected to be removed from the job and replaced, upon written request of the district's FM director to the Contractor.

10. The contractor shall maintain a telephone service that shall be local or toll free to the school district.

11. Liability

The Contractor shall assume liability for damage or loss resulting from the wrongful act(s) and/or negligence of his employees while they are on premises. The Contractor or his insurer shall reimburse the District for any such damage or loss within thirty (30) days after claim is submitted. For example: School windows, doors, car windows and windshields, etc.

12. Laws

The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations bearing on the conduct of the work, including those of Federal, State and Local agencies having jurisdiction. This shall include but not be limited to minimum wage, labor and equal employment opportunity laws.

13. Equipment and Supplies

The Contractor shall provide all necessary equipment and other necessary supplies (adequate in kind, quantity and quality) for professionally performing all work in this contract. Losses to the District caused by inferior quality equipment or supplies will be reimbursed by the Contractor.

14. Working Hours – Regular

The Contractor’s work hours will be coordinated with the Director of Facilities Management (FM) and school principals. School activities will take precedence.

15. Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, activities and tasks will be rescheduled as soon as weather will permit. Completion of rain-delayed projects shall be documented via email to the Director of Facilities Management.

16. Inspection

The Contractor shall be accompanied by a designated representative of the District on inspections of work during normal business hours of the school. The District reserves the right to make a determination as to whether service is being performed satisfactorily.

17. Default

Failure to satisfactorily perform the services required by the contract will be grounds to declare the Contractor in default.

IV. SPECIFICATIONS

A. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

These specifications cover provisions for grounds maintenance services, including all reasonable and necessary labor, supervision, equipment, and supplies in order to keep the contracted areas neat, well-groomed and presentable.

1. Contractor shall supply all materials needed to implement the specifications of this contract. This includes all fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, fall surface materials in playground areas, etc.

2. Contractor shall provide MSDS for all chemicals to be used prior to usage. A copy of the MSDS program shall be forwarded to the Director of Facilities Management. All chemicals shall be approved for use in or around school areas. Furthermore, vendor shall use a licensed applicator to apply chemicals.

3. Contractor shall keep record of all chemical applications and comply with all local, state, and federal laws relating to chemical applications.

4. All equipment used on this project shall meet OSHA standards for safety and any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations that may pertain to this solicitation.

a. All noise reduction devices shall be maintained in good working order on all equipment to minimize noise during school hours.

b. Equipment shall not be housed or left on District property unattended. The district will not be held liable for any damage or theft of equipment.

c. District-owned or District-leased property shall not be utilized in the contract.

5. Playgrounds and student activity areas shall be maintained at times when there is no threat to the safety of students or personnel.

6. Trash (paper, bottles, cans, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the District to remove prior to cutting, however, the Contractor is expected to pick up trash from time to time while mowing rather than mowing over it. The vendor shall be required to inform the district Director of Facilities Management and school principal if there are problems in this area to include excessive amounts of trash.

7. All shrubbery debris shall be removed from District property by the Contractor unless otherwise approved by the district Director of Facilities Management.

8. All chain link fence and building locations shall be string trimmed. Use of herbicide to kill vegetation in these areas is prohibited unless pre-approved by the School District of Newberry County.

9. Rotary cutters (bush hogging) shall be permitted at locations as deemed practical and approved by the District prior to such use of said methods/equipment.
10. All fixtures located on District property (flagpoles, tennis courts, playground equipment, fences, transformers, etc.) shall be trimmed, sprayed or edged as appropriate.
11. Plant growth regulator (PGR) may be used only as approved by the Director of Facilities Management.
12. Any Location that cannot be maintained with a rotary cutter and where soil sterilant/weed killer is not permitted shall be maintained by the use of string trimmers or other methods as approved by the Director of Facilities Management.
13. All chemical applications of any kind shall be approved by the Director of Facilities Management prior to application.

B. SCHOOL OPENING PREPARATIONS

Four weeks prior to school opening in August, Contractor shall provide a schedule to the Director of Facilities Management and each school principal listing activities and schedule that will be performed at each school. This list shall include (but not necessarily limited to):

1. Grass mowing schedule (all schools must be mowed within seven (7) days of school opening).
2. Ant control shall be performed in all playgrounds as well as school grounds ten (10) days prior to school opening.
3. All Playground fall surfaces shall have mulch added to the tops of borders as well as surrounding play area twenty (20) days prior to the opening of school.
4. New pine straw or mulch shall be placed in shrubbery and plant beds and around trees twenty (20) days prior to school opening.

C. GENERAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Lawn Maintenance On Campus Areas/Ancillary Offices

1. All lawn areas will be mowed every ten (10) days during growing season and maintained as needed during non-growing periods.
2. All designated lawn areas at each school will be aerated with a spike aerator during early Spring. (Show on monthly schedule.)
3. All lawn areas at each school will be fertilized once each year in Spring after soil testing by contractor. Contractor will furnish all fertilizer. (Show on monthly schedule.) A copy of report will be furnished to the Director of Facilities Management.
4. All sidewalks, curbs, and parking lots will need to be weed and grass free and edged in conjunction with mowing as needed to give a well-groomed appearance.
5. All buildings, fences, trees, shrub beds, etc. will be trimmed with string trimmer and where feasible sprayed with Round-Up for a lasting edging affect. This includes all areas around and up-to the edge/base of the building. NOTE: The kill line should be approximately three (3) inches wide.
6. All limbs and large debris will be removed weekly or as needed.
7. Insect and disease control will be conducted on shrubs, trees, turf and in outside trash receptacles on an as-needed-basis by a certified applicator. Contractor to furnish all chemicals.
8. Contractor will treat all campus areas to control Fire Ants. Mounds should be treated with Top Choice or a suitable district approved substitute. Broadcast spraying will be done with Top Choice or a suitable district approved substitute. NOTE: Applicator should conduct control operations in such a manner so as not to expose students or others to risk of accidental exposure. Contractor will furnish all chemicals. Treatment shall be conducted when vendor is servicing site or when requested by the school district.

9. Contractor will furnish Director of Facilities Management with monthly schedule for services to be conducted. (Rain-outs will be rescheduled on first dry day suitable for mowing.)

D. SHRUBBERY MAINTENANCE

1. Contractor will trim shrubs as needed to maintain a well-groomed appearance at all times to maintain desired height and spread of shrubs. Pruning will be done based on the type shrub or plant. Pruning of shrubs should be conducted a minimum of twice per year.
2. Contractor will fertilize shrubs in the Spring with good quality 16-4-8 slow release fertilizer or equal substitute approved by School District of Newberry County. Contractor will furnish fertilizer. (Include in monthly schedule.)
3. Contractor will spray shrubs for insects and disease as needed. NOTE: Applicator should conduct spray operations in such a manner so as not to expose children or others, to risk of accidental exposure. Contractor will furnish all chemicals.
4. Contractor will maintain weed-free shrub beds. Bedding mulch or pine straw will be replaced as needed and when requested to maintain good appearance. All bark mulch will be supplied by contractor. Primary application will take place in January/February time frame and July/August prior to the opening of school. Contractor shall turn bedding material in all beds as requested by Director of Facilities Management.
5. Contractor will maintain a distinct line of separation between lawn and shrub areas.

E. TREE MAINTENANCE

1. Contractor will maintain large trees by pruning low hanging limbs at school bus height. All broken or cut limbs will be removed.
2. Vendor shall mulch twice per year around trees in January/February and July/August prior to the opening of school.

F. PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE

1. Contractor shall scrape, clean and remove growth from all playground fall surface areas as needed. Dangerous items such as broken glass, etc. shall be removed when contractor is on site.
2. Contractor shall fill divots under swings during each mowing and ground maintenance service at all schools that have such areas. Vendor shall maintain fall surface within playground areas to a level equal to the retaining border by supplying and adding appropriate fall surface material when needed or requested by the school district. Vendor shall also ensure the requirements of the National Program for Playground Safety guidelines are met and maintained. Vendor shall add fall surface material at all locations with these types of areas in July before school begins and when requested by the District. Fall surface material shall be approved by the school district before application is made.

G. ATHLETIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Athletic Fields

1. Contractor shall use reel type mowers and shall mow all athletic turf twice weekly during growing season. The grass shall be mowed often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the leaf surface is removed at any one time. Football game fields and all spectator areas shall be mowed three times per week in June, July, August and September as needed or required. For all other months, contractor shall mow as needed. Athletic Directors shall specify recommended days for cutting and preferred turf height via email to the Director of Facilities Management and copied to contractor.
 - a. Tifway Bermuda grass shall be maintained at ½ to 1 inches in height.
 - b. Perennial rye shall be maintained at ¾ inches in height.
 - c. All fence lines, and around and under all seating and spectator areas shall be trimmed with each cut
2. Contractor shall be responsible for all aeration, top dressing, chemical treatment, fertilization, and sowing of rye grass on baseball fields, softball fields and on football fields as well as practice field. All materials to be furnished by contractor.
 - a. Core aerate fields a minimum of once per year (preferably in late May.) Aerate using hollow tines (coring) or open spoons. Use a machine that removes a soil core ¾ of an inch to 1 inch in diameter to a depth of 3 to 4 inches. Using multiple passes in different directions, spacing between aeration holes shall be 2 to 3 inches nominally.
 - b. Top dressing with a 1/8 to ¼ inch layer a fine white washed sand GC35 or equivalent.
3. Contractor shall perform other work as described under heading “Lawn Maintenance on Campus areas.”
4. Fields and all spectator areas shall be swept during growing season and/or as needed when determined by the Athletic Director.

SPECIAL MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS (Athletic Fields)

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| January | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spray for winter weed control- Fertilize Bermuda grass over seeded Fields [Fe]- Soil Testing |
| February | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pre-emergent weed control- Fertilize Bermuda grass over seeded fields [Fe] + [N]- Liming |
| March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fertilize Bermuda grass over seeded and non-over seeded fields [Fe]- Add lime if needed per soil test- Disease Control (Pythium/Brown Patch on Rye)- Ant Treatment |
| April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Disease Control (Dollar Spot on Bermuda grass)- Treat for broadleaf weeds- Core aerate-top dress all fields- Verticut |
| May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Core Aerate and Top Dress- Disease Control (Dollar Spot on Bermuda grass)- Nematode control |
| June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fertilize [N]- Weed control- Disease Control (Dollar Spot on Bermuda grass) |
| July | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Oversee Bermuda grass sports turf fields- Weed control- Fertilize [N] game fields and practice fields- Ant treatment |

- August - Fertilize game fields [N]
- September - Disease Control (Pythium/Brown Patch on Rye, Dollar Spot on Bermuda grass)
- Nematode control (if necessary)
- Fertilize [C] & Verticut
- October - Initial application & over seeding of rye grass (only on softball and baseball fields) Football game fields when requested.
- Disease Control (Pythium/Brown Patch on Rye, Dollar Spot on Bermuda grass)
- Soil Test
- November - Second application & over seeding of rye grass (only on softball and baseball fields) Football game fields when requested.
- Disease Control (Pythium/Brown Patch on Rye)
- Fertilized
- December - Disease Control (Pythium/Brown Patch on Rye)
- Spray winter weed control
- NOTE: - Game fields to be fertilized completely including aprons and behind goals. Fertilizer rates and amounts other than listed may need to be adjusted according to seasonal use, soil drainage (cation holding capacity) rates, damage recover needs, and timing of events.
- Results of all soil testing to be forwarded to Director of Facilities Management in writing.
- [FE] - Yellow turf appearance may indicate iron [FE] or manganese [MN] deficiency due to low soil temperatures, excessive soil pH (.7.0), or excessive soil phosphorous levels. Spray iron (ferrous) sulfate (2 oz. in 3 to 5 gallons of water per 1000 sq ft or 87 oz per acre) or a chelated iron source to enhance color, as needed. If manganese deficiency is suspected, apply manganese (as Epsom salt) monthly at ¼ lb/acre.
- [N] -Application frequency shall be determined by nitrogen [N] source used. A slow-release source such as coated urea should be applied at 1 lb actual nitrogen per 1000 sq ft (e.g. 3.2 lb 31-0-0 per 1000 sq ft or 140 lb per acre). A quick-release nitrogen source such as ammonium nitrate should be applied at ½ lb actual nitrogen per 1000 sq ft every 2 to 3 weeks (1 ½ lb 33-0-0 per 1000 sq ft or 275 lb per acre).
- [C] - Fertilize using a complete fertilizer ratio (e.g., 4-1-2 or 3-1-2) at 1 lb nitrogen [N] per 1000 sq ft (e.g., 6 ¼ lb 16-4-8 per 1000 sq ft or 275 lb per acre).

GENERAL COMMENTS AND SPECIAL DETAILS

1. All site drawings and pictures are included in attachments for reference only. Contractor shall refer to document details for definition of work scope.
2. Contractor shall be observant of washouts and safety issues and shall communicate all such details to the Director of Facilities Management.
3. Damage to shrubbery and trees caused by vandalism or falling objects, etc. shall be reported to Director of Facilities Management. Depending on the extent of damage, contractor may be asked to do structural pruning in an effort to restore the plant/shrub.
4. Vendor shall over seed, baseball and softball fields with annual rye grass at the appropriate time for germination and growth. Football fields will only be over seeded when requested for an additional cost. Practice fields will not be over seeded.
5. School District shall maintain baseball (clay or turface material) mounds and baselines.

6. All retention ponds, drain fields, banks, and drainage ditches shall be maintained as a part of this contract. These areas will be located on overhead campus maps.

7. All areas identified in #6 above shall be cut twice a year (early summer and early winter) to a height no higher than 12 inches. Woody materials shall be cut to ground level and removed. Retention ponds are located at Boundary Street Elementary School, Whitmire Community School, Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School, Little Mountain Elementary School and Mid-Carolina High School (3).

8. Interior courtyards shall be maintained as a part of this contract and to the specifications of the principal or Director of Facilities Management. Interior courtyards are located at Boundary Street Elementary, Mid-Carolina High School, Little Mountain Elementary School and Newberry High School.

V. AWARD / CONTRACT TERM

Term of Contract/Option to Renew: Any contract resulting from this RFP shall have an initial contract period of one (1) year beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The District, at its discretion, may extend the contract for four (4) additional periods of one (1) year each, with an option of an additional two (2) periods of one (1) year each with Superintendent's approval. Contracts exceeding seven (7) years must be approved by the school board. Renewal on the part of the District will be based upon satisfactory contractor performance. Should either party wish not to renew the contract at the end of a contract period, notification shall be submitted in writing to the other party no less than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the contract renewal date.

The District's rights to terminate the contract during the contract period will be governed by Item 16 of the Terms and Conditions. All purchases are subject to the School District of Newberry County's Procurement Code and can be viewed at the Procurement Office upon request. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any guidelines set forth if deemed to be beneficial to the District.

VI. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **ASSIGNMENT:** No contract or its provisions may be assigned, sublet, or transferred without the written consent of the Procurement Officer.
2. **BANKRUPTCY:** (a) Notice. In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to School District of Newberry County. This notification shall be furnished within five (5) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all District contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the District upon the contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.
3. **CHOICE-OF-LAW:** The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.
4. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:** (a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Officer, (2) documentation regarding the clarification of an offer [Article 5, Section 1530.8], if applicable, (3) the solicitation, as amended, (4) modifications, if any, to your offer, if accepted by the Procurement Officer, (5) your offer, (6) any statement reflecting the District's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (7) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complimentary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (6) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in either (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the District or (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect.

5. **DISCUSSIONS WITH BIDDERS:** After opening, the Procurement Officer may, in his sole discretion, initiate discussions with you to discuss your bid. Discussions are possible only if your bid is apparently responsive and only for the purpose of clarification to assure your full understanding of the solicitation's requirements. Any discussions will be documented in writing and shall be included with the bid.
6. **DISPUTES:** (1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to an Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court in the State of South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by School District of Newberry County regarding an Agreement is not a waiver of either the District's sovereign immunity or immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United State's Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by this solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to an Agreement; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided, or by personal service, or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.
7. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference.
8. **FALSE CLAIMS:** According to the S.C. Code of Laws Section 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a crime.
9. **FORCE MAJURE:** The Contractor 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 contractor. 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 contractual 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 contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.
10. **NON-INDEMNIFICATION:** Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the District to indemnify anyone.
11. **NOTICE:** (A) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the recipient's device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail, if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used.
12. **PUBLICITY:** Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by School District of Newberry County employees, or include the District in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.
13. **PURCHASE ORDERS:** Contractor shall not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the District. The District shall order any supplies to be furnished under this contract by issuing a purchase order. Purchase orders may be used to elect any options available under this contract, e.g., quantity, item, delivery date, payment method, but are subject to all terms and conditions of this contract. Purchase orders may be electronic. No particular form is required.
14. **SETOFF:** The District shall have all of its legal, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the District's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the District with regard to this contract including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the District for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto.

15. **SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATION:** The Parties' rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.
16. **TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds thereof. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled. Contractor will not be reimbursed any costs beyond the initial contract term.
17. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY:** This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Contract as a third party beneficiary or otherwise.
18. **WAIVER:** The District does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the Procurement Officer has actual authority to waive any of the District's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

VII. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **CHANGES:**
 - (1) **Contract Modification.** By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Procurement Officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:
 - (a) drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the [District] in accordance therewith;
 - (b) method of shipment or packing;
 - (c) place of delivery;
 - (d) description of services to be performed;
 - (e) time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); or,
 - (f) place of performance of the services.Subparagraphs (a) to (c) apply only if supplies are furnished under this contract. Subparagraphs (d) to (f) apply only if services are performed under this contract.
 - (2) **Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance.** If any such change increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the District promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.
 - (3) **Time Period for Claim.** Within 30 days after receipt of a written contract modification under Paragraph (1) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment. Later notification shall not bar the contractor's claim unless the District is prejudiced by the delay in notification.
 - (4) **Claim Barred After Final Payment.** No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract.
2. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** During the term of the contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.
3. **CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:** The successful contractor must furnish within ten (10) days after written acceptance of bid a copy of his Worker's Compensation and/or General Liability insurance certificate to the District. Worker's Compensation coverage shall meet the requirements of South Carolina law. It is agreed that the coverage, as stated, shall not be cancelled or altered until ten (10) days after written notice of any change has been sent by registered mail to the Procurement Department. **School District of Newberry County shall be listed as Certificate Holder.**

4. The insurance required by this paragraph shall be written for not less than the following limits of liability or as required by law, whichever coverage is greater:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY:

General Aggregate (per project)	\$1,000,000
Products/Completed Operations	\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage (Any one fire)	\$ 50,000
Medical Expense (Any one person)	\$ 5,000

BUSINESS AUTO LIABILITY (including All Owned, Non-owned, and Hired Vehicles):

Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000
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WORKERS COMPENSATION: State Statutory

Employees Liability-per accident	\$100,000
Disease – Policy Limit	\$500,000
Disease, Each Employee Limit	\$100,000

Required Documentation: (a) Prior to commencement of the work, contractor shall provide to the District a signed, original certificate of liability insurance (ACORD 25). The certificate shall identify the types of insurance, state the limits of liability for each type of coverage, include a provision for 30 days notice prior to cancellation, name every applicable using governmental unit (as identified on the cover Page) as a Certificate Holder, provide that the general aggregate limit applies per project, and provide that coverage is written on an occurrence basis. (b) Prior to commencement of the work, contractor shall provide to the District a written endorsement to the contractor's general liability insurance policy that (i) names School District of Newberry County (as identified on the Cover Page) as an additional insured, (ii) provides that no material alteration, cancellation, non-renewal, or expiration of the coverage contained in such policy shall have effect unless the named governmental unit(s) has been given at least thirty (30) days prior written notice, and (iii) provides that the Contractor's liability insurance policy shall be primary, with any liability insurance of the District as secondary and noncontributory. (c) Both the certificate and the endorsement must be received directly from either the contractor's insurance agent or the insurance company. Contractor shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice to the District of any proposed reduction of coverage limits (on account of revised limits or claims paid under the General Aggregate) or any substitution of insurance carriers. The District's failure to demand either a certificate of insurance or written endorsement required by this paragraph is not a waiver of contractor's obligations to obtain the required insurance.

5. **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.
6. **CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION:** The contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, tools, equipment, labor and professional and non-professional services, and shall perform all other acts and supply all other things necessary, to fully and properly perform and complete the work. The contractor must act as the prime contractor and assume full responsibility for any subcontractor's performance. 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.
7. **DAMAGES LIMITATION:** Contractor's maximum liability, if any, to the District for all direct, indirect, incidental, punitive, consequential, or special damages, including without limitation contract damages and damages for injuries to persons or property, whether arising from licensor's breach of this agreement, breach of warranty, negligence, strict liability, or other tort, or otherwise with respect to the supplies, services, or software provided under this agreement, shall in no event exceed an amount equal to the total contract price. In no event shall any party be liable to another for any indirect, incidental, punitive, consequential, or special damages, including, without limitation, lost revenues and profits, even if it has been advised of the possibility of such damages.
8. **DEFAULT:** The District may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the contractor, or if the contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the District, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the District shall not be liable to the contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the contractor shall be liable to the District for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the District improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

9. DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE: Your offer must include manufacturer's latest literature showing complete product specifications.
10. DISPOSAL OF PACKAGING: Contractor shall dispose of all wrappings, crating, and other disposable materials pertaining to this contract at the end of each working day and upon completion of installation.
11. ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the District, upon request, any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.
12. INDEMNIFICATION-THIRD PARTY CLAIMS: Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, Contractor shall defend and indemnify School District of Newberry County, its departments, board, and all their respective officers, agents and employees against all suits or claims of any nature (and all damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities attributable thereto) by any third party which arise out of, or result in any way from, any defect in the goods or services acquired hereunder or from any act or omission of Contractor, its subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants or agents. Contractor shall be given written notice of any suit or claim. The District shall allow Contractor to defend such claim so long as such defense is diligently and capably prosecuted through legal counsel. The District shall allow Contractor to settle such suit or claim so long as (i) all settlement payments are made by (and any deferred settlement payments are the sole liability of) Contractor, and (ii) the settlement imposes no non-monetary obligation upon the District. The District shall not admit liability or agree to a settlement or other disposition of the suit or claim, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Contractor. The District shall reasonably cooperate with Contractor's defense of such suit or claim. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination of the parties' agreement.
13. 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 the State, county, city or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the contract.
14. MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP: Unless otherwise specifically provided in this contract, all equipment, material, and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended.
15. OFFERING BY LOT: Offers may be submitted for one or more complete lots. Failure to offer on all items within a lot will be reason for rejection.
16. OSHA CFR 1910.1200 (SCRR article 1, 71-1910.1200). By submission of this bid, the vendor agrees to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the requirements.
17. OWNERSHIP OF DATA and MATERIALS: All data, material and documentation prepared for the District pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to the District.
18. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS – LIMITED BY CPI “Other Goods & Services”: 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), “Other Goods & Services” for products, as determined by the Procurement Officer. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics publishes this information on the web at www.bls.gov.
19. SHIPPING/RISK OF LOSS: F.O.B. Destination. Destination is the shipping location of the Districts' designated receiving site, as specified herein.

20. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** (A) Termination-The Procurement Officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the District. The Procurement Officer shall give written notice of the termination to the contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective. (B) Contractor's Obligations-The contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination the contractor will stop work to the extent specified. The contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. The contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The Procurement Officer may direct the contractor to assign the contractor's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the State. The contractor must still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as are necessary to do so. (3) Right to Supplies-The Procurement Officer may require the contractor to transfer title and deliver to the District in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer: (a) any completed supplies; and (b) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this contract. The contractor shall, upon direction of the Procurement Officer, protect and preserve property in the possession of the contractor in which the District has an interest. If the Procurement Officer does not exercise this right, the contractor shall use best efforts to sell such supplies and manufacturing materials in accordance with the standards of Uniform Commercial Code Section 2-706. Utilization of this Section in no way implies that the District has breached the contract by exercise of the Termination for Convenience Clause. (4) Compensation. (a) The contractor shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with cost or pricing data required by Article 5, Section 1830 bearing on such claim. If the contractor fails to file a termination claim within one year from the effective date of termination, the Procurement Officer may pay the contractor, if at all, an amount set in accordance with Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph. (b) The Procurement Officer and the contractor may agree to a settlement and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the District, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Paragraph (3) of this clause, and the contract price of the work not terminated; (c) Absent complete agreement under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the Procurement Officer shall pay the contractor the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under Subparagraph (b) shall not duplicate payments under this Subparagraph: (i) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract; (ii) costs reasonably incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted supplies or services; (iii) reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this clause. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with Subparagraph (c)(ii) of this paragraph; (iv) any other reasonable costs that have resulted from the termination. The total sum to be paid the contractor under this Subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the contractor reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, and the contract price of work not terminated. (d) Contractor must demonstrate any costs claimed, agreed to, or established under Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph using its standard record keeping system, provided such system is consistent with any applicable Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. (5) Contractor's failure to include an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not (i) affect the District's right to require the termination of a subcontract, or (ii) increase the obligation of the state beyond what it would have been if the subcontract had contained an appropriate clause.
21. **WARRANTY:** Contractor must provide the manufacturer's standard written warranty upon delivery of product. Contractor warrants that manufacturer will honor the standard written warranty provided.
22. **IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2014:** (S.C. Code Ann. §§ 11-57-10, et seq.) The Iran Divestment Act List is a list published by the South Carolina Budget and Control Board 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/PSIPS-irandivestment.phtm> Section 11-57-310 requires the government to provide a person ninety days written notice before he is included on the list.

VIII. MINORITY AND WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICY

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the School District of Newberry County that discrimination against businesses on the basis of race, color, national origin, and gender is prohibited. No person shall be denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with the award and/or performance of any contract or modification of a contract between a vender or contractor and the Board which contract is paid or is to be paid for, in whole or part, with monetary appropriations of the Board. Further, it is the policy of SDNC to encourage and promote on an inclusionary basis contracting opportunities for all business, without regard to race, color, national origin or gender. It is expected that all firms seeking to do business with the School District of Newberry County will comply with this SDNC policie

IX GROUNDS MEASUREMENTS

Campus	Estimated Acreage of Grounds to be Maintained
District Administrative Offices	1.7
District Administrative Office Annex	.5
Newberry Middle School	37.14
Newberry Elementary School	11.30
Gallman Elementary School	22
Newberry Alternative School	16.1
Boundary Street Elementary School	17.3
Reuben Elementary School	10.4
Whitmire High School Athletic Complex RC Lake Gymnasium & Legends Stadium	4.2
Whitmire Community School	50
Pomaria/ Garmany Elementary School	28.39
Little Mountain Elementary School	10.49
Mid-Carolina High School Athletic Fields Included	91.87
Mid-Carolina Middle School Adult Education & Athletic Fields Included	39.95
Prosperity/ Rikard Elementary School	21.1
Newberry County Career Center Includes Engineering Building	3.2
Facilities Management Office	1.37
Prosperity Kit Center	2
Newberry High School Athletic Fields Included	100.6
Total:	469.61

X. Site Visit Locations

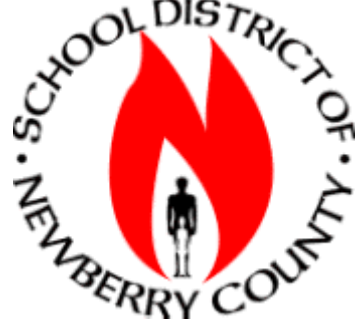
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A site inspection is **highly recommended** for each site identified above, such that each bidder may familiarize themselves with any conditions which may affect their performance and bid prices. Submission of a bid will be evidence that the Bidder did, in fact, make a site inspection and is aware of all conditions affecting their performance and price.

Facility	Address
District Administrative Offices	3419 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108
District Administrative Annex	1539 Martin Street, Newberry, SC 29108
Newberry Middle School	125 O'Neal Street, Newberry, SC 29108
Newberry Elementary School	1829 Nance Street, Newberry, SC 29108
Gallman Elementary School	255 Hawkins Road, Newberry, SC 29108
Newberry Alternative School	540 Brantley Street, Newberry, SC 29108
Boundary Street Elementary School	1406 Boundary Street, Newberry, SC 29108
Reuben Elementary School	3605 Spearman Rd, Newberry, SC 29108
Whitmire High School Athletic Complex	Hwy 121/176 Union Street, Whitmire, SC 29178
Whitmire Community School	2597 SC Hwy 66, Whitmire, SC 29178
Pomaria/ Garmany Elementary School	7288 US Hwy 176, Pomaria, SC 29126
Little Mountain Elementary School	692 Mill Street, Little Mountain, SC 29075
Mid-Carolina High School	377 Cy Schumpert Road, Prosperity, SC 29127
Mid-Carolina Middle School	6794 US Highway 76, Prosperity, SC 29127
Prosperity/ Rikard Elementary School	381 S. Wheeler Avenue, Prosperity, SC 29127
Newberry County Career Center	3413 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108
NCCC Engineering Building	3241 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108
Facilities Management Office	1903 Nance Street, Newberry, SC 29108
Prosperity Kit Center	244 School Drive, Prosperity, SC
Newberry High School	3113 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

The School District Of Newberry County

Administrative Offices
3419 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108



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XI. Proposal Cost Form 1 of 2

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BID SECTION A.

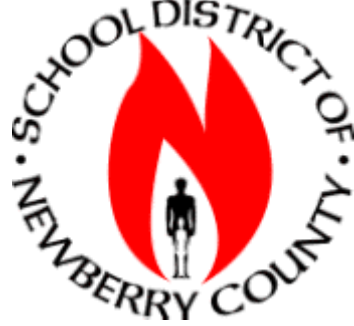
GENERAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION IV. SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM	CAMPUS	OFFEROR'S CONTRACT RATE PER CUT	OFFEROR'S CONTRACT RATE PER MONTH ALL REQUIRED MAINTENANCE & MOWING	OFFEROR'S CONTRACT RATE PER YEAR ALL REQUIRED MAINTENANCE & MOWING
1	District Administrative Offices	\$	\$	\$
2	District Administrative Office Annex	\$	\$	\$
3	Newberry Middle School	\$	\$	\$
4	Newberry Elementary School	\$	\$	\$
5	Gallman Elementary School	\$	\$	\$
6	Newberry Alternative School	\$	\$	\$
7	Boundary Street Elementary School	\$	\$	\$
8	Reuben Elementary School	\$	\$	\$
9	Whitmire Community School	\$	\$	\$
10	Pomaria/ Garmany Elementary School	\$	\$	\$
11	Little Mountain Elementary School	\$	\$	\$
12	Mid-Carolina High School	\$	\$	\$
13	Mid-Carolina Middle School Adult Education Included	\$	\$	\$
14	Prosperity/ Rikard Elementary School	\$	\$	\$
15	Newberry County Career Center Includes Engineering Building	\$	\$	\$
16	Facilities Management Office	\$	\$	\$
17	Prosperity Kit Center	\$	\$	\$
18	Newberry High School	\$	\$	\$
Total:			\$	\$

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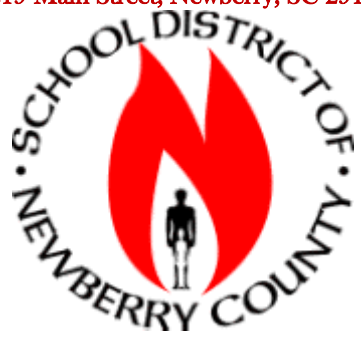
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BID SECTION B.

ATHLETIC FIELD MAINTENANCE

AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION IV. SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM	CAMPUS	OFFEROR'S CONTRACT RATE PER CUT	OFFEROR'S CONTRACT RATE PER MONTH ALL REQUIRED MAINTENANCE & MOWING	OFFEROR'S CONTRACT RATE PER YEAR ALL REQUIRED MAINTENANCE & MOWING
1	Newberry High School Mike Ware Field (Including Practice Fields)	\$	\$	\$
2	Newberry High School Baseball Facility	\$	\$	\$
3	Newberry High School Softball Facility	\$	\$	\$
4	Mid Carolina High School Lon Armstrong Field	\$	\$	\$
5	Mid Carolina High School Baseball Facility	\$	\$	\$
6	Mid Carolina High School Softball Facility	\$	\$	\$
7	Mid Carolina High School Track and Field Facility	\$	\$	\$
8	Whitmire Community School Legends Stadium Facility	\$	\$	\$
Total:			\$	\$

<p style="text-align: center;">The School District Of Newberry County Administrative Offices 3419 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108</p> 	<p>Request for Proposal: OPS-FM 2017-002</p> <p>Date Issued: April 25, 2017</p> <p>Procurement Director: Bryan Gresham</p> <p>Phone: (803) 321-2600</p> <p>Fax: (803) 321-2604</p> <p>E-Mail Address: bgresham@newberry.k12.sc.us</p>	
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VIII. Iran Divestment Act

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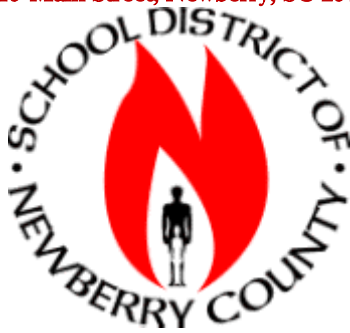
Vendor Name (Printed)	Taxpayer Identification No.
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I, the official named above, certify I am duly authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the vendor identified below, and, as of the date of my signature, the vendor identified below is not on the current Iran Divestment Act List. I further certify that I will notify the Procurement Officer immediately if, at any time before award of a contract, the vendor identified below is added to the Iran Divestment Act List

X _____
Signature of Vendor

Date

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IX. REFERENCE FORM

Project: Lawn and Ground Maintenance – District Wide

Attachment 3 of 4

Company Name: _____

Company Address _____

Contact: _____ **Telephone #:** _____ **Fax #:** _____

E-mail address: _____ **Date service provided:** _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address _____

Contact: _____ **Telephone #:** _____ **Fax #:** _____

E-mail address: _____ **Date service provided:** _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address _____

Contact: _____ **Telephone #:** _____ **Fax #:** _____

E-mail address: _____ **Date service provided:** _____

Bidder/Company name (Please print): _____

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X. Statement of Acceptance

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Attachment 4 of 4

I, the undersigned, have read Solicitation and do fully understand all of the requirements stated therein and affirm that the above pricing is representative of an acceptable performance level which would fully meet the expectations of the District.

Proposal Preparer (please print)

Company Name

Proposal Preparer (signature)

Company Address

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email address (if available)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals will be reviewed for purposes of determining responsiveness and responsibility. Any proposal, which does not meet the essential requirements of the District, will be subject to disqualification. For purposes of determining responsibility, all information given by the proposer concerning its availability to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability of the proposer will be reviewed. The submission of a proposal for review does not necessarily qualify the proposer or proposal as being responsive or responsible. Failure to provide specific information, as requested, for use in our evaluation will cause your proposal to be disregarded.

Evaluation Factors: Offers will be evaluated using only the factors stated below. Once evaluation is complete, all responsive offerors will be ranked from most advantageous to least advantageous. The award will be made to the responsive and responsible bidder whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the District, taking into consideration all evaluation factors set forth in this RFP. The following criteria will be used in the evaluation process:

1. **Program (Contract) Costs:** What are the total costs of the equipment proposed? (Please submit your pricing on the enclosed Proposal Cost Form).
2. **Contractor’s Management Qualifications:** Management and staff capabilities and expertise, resumes, and experience, and resources.
3. **Proposing Organization References/History:** Proposer’s past contract management experience and references of success to programs similar to this size. Proposer must include at least three (3) references, with company name, name of contact person and correct daytime telephone number.
4. **Quality of Proposal:** Needs to meet or exceed the provided specification.

Grading Format – Each of the above listed criteria will be graded individually. The point value for each criterion shall be multiplied by the percentage grade to give the criterion score. All scores will be summed to give the grand total score. The maximum possible grand total score for the RFP response is 100 points.

POINT EVALUATION VALUES

CRITERION	POINT VALUE
Program Cost	25
References/History	40
Contract Management Qualifications	20
Quality of Proposal	15
TOTAL POINTS	100

PERCENTAGE GRADES

GRADE	DESCRIPTION
0%	Criterion was not addressed in the response or the material presented was totally without merit.
20%	Criterion was addressed minimally, response indicated little capability or experience.
40%	Criterion was addressed minimally, but response shows some capability and experience
60%	Criterion was addressed adequately. Shows basic capability and experience.
80%	Criterion was addressed well. The response indicates some superior features.
100%	Criterion was addressed in superior fashion, indicating excellent or outstanding capability.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS:

1. The District requires that one (1) original, and four (4) copies of the proposal be submitted to the Procurement Coordinator, no later than the deadline specified to receive proposals. Any proposals received after the scheduled deadline will be disqualified immediately in accordance with the District's policy.
2. All proposals should be complete and must convey all of the information requested by the District. If significant errors are found in an Offeror's proposal, or if an Offeror's proposal fails to conform to the requirements of this solicitation, the District may elect to reject the proposal.
3. When specifications or descriptive literature are submitted with the proposal, enter the proposer's name and address thereon.
4. **All attachments (1-4) must be completed and submitted with a signed copy of Page 1.**
5. **All proposals must be in a sealed envelope and have clearly marked on the envelope:**
Name of Firm
Address
Proposal # **OPS-FM 2017-002**
Lawn and Ground Maintenance – District Wide

PROPOSAL LAYOUT: Please submit proposal in binder or bound neatly with dividing tabs with the following sections...

- **Required Documents:** Completed Page 1 of Proposal and attachments 1-4
- **Contractor's Management Qualifications:** Management and staff capabilities and expertise, resumes, and experience, and resources. Any additional brochures or company literature to be submitted.
- **Proposing Organization References/History:** Proposer's past contract management experience and references of success to programs similar to this size. Proposer must include at least three (3) references, with company name, name of contact person and correct daytime telephone number.

