

	District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Invitation for Bid Amendment One	Solicitation #	2025-022
		Date Amendment Issued	March 03, 2025
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DESCRIPTION	Digital Sign Replacements & Upgrades- Multiple Locations
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The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal"

SUBMIT OFFER BY	March 06, 2025 @ 11:00 am March 11, 2025 @ 11:00 am
QUESTIONS & SUBSTITUTION REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY	February 27, 2025 @ 12:00 pm Electronically to D5bids@lexrich5.org TIME HAS PASSED
NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED	One (1)

Offers must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO:

District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties
Purchasing Office
1020 Dutch Fork Road
Irmo, SC 29063

CONFERENCE TYPE: Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference DATE & TIME: February 20, 2025 @ 10:00 am TIME HAS PASSED	LOCATION: Irmo Elementary School 7401 Gibbes Street, Irmo, SC 29063
As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions	

AWARD & AMENDMENTS	The award, this solicitation, and any amendments will be posted at the following web address: https://www.lexrich5.org/departments/office-of-finance/procurement/solicitations-and-awards
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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 sixty (60) calendar days after the Opening Date.

NAME OF OFFEROR (Full legal name of business submitting the offer)		OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate entity (not tax-exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Government entity (federal, state, or local) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (Person signing must be authorized to submit a binding offer to enter into a contract on behalf of Offeror named above.)		
TITLE (Business title of person signing above)		
PRINTED NAME (Printed name of person signing above)	DATE SIGNED	
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. 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>i.e.</i> , a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.		
STATE OF INCORPORATION (If Offeror is a corporation, identify the state of Incorporation.)	TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.	

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HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for Offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)
	Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile
	E-Mail Address

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders" and "Contract Documents" clauses)
	Order E-Mail Address:
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS:
Offerors acknowledge receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)

Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	_____ Calendar Days (%)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences. **ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU'VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.** [11-35-1524(E)(4)&(6)]

PREFERENCES - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE: Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(i)&(ii)) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).

In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address
 In-State Office Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

AMENDMENT #1

Digital Sign Replacements & Upgrades- Multiple Locations

SOLICITATION # 2025-022

The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. Submitters shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

THE SOLICITATION IS AMENDED AS PROVIDED HEREIN. INFORMATION OR CHANGES RESULTING FROM QUESTIONS WILL BE SHOWN IN A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER FORMAT. ALL QUESTIONS RECEIVED HAVE BEEN REPRINTED BELOW. THE QUESTIONS ARE INCLUDED SOLELY TO PROVIDE A CROSS-REFERENCE TO THE POTENTIAL OFFEROR THAT SUBMITTED THE QUESTION. QUESTIONS DO NOT FORM A PART OF THE CONTRACT; THE "DISTRICT'S RESPONSE" DOES. ANY RESTATEMENT OF PART OR ALL OF AN EXISTING PROVISION OF THE SOLICITATION IN AN ANSWER DOES NOT MODIFY THE ORIGINAL PROVISION EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: UNDERLINED TEXT IS ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL PROVISION. STRICKEN TEXT IS DELETED.

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES TO THE SOLICITATION:

1. The Deadline for Submission of Offers has been amended to March 11, 2025 @ 11:00 am.
2. The specifications for Seven Oaks Elementary have been updated as follows:
 - a. The Top Panel shall be a Flat Panel as noted on the illustration titled NEW PYLON SIGN D on sheet A103.
 - b. Thermoformed Sign Face has been stricken from the specifications (*ref. Section 10 15 00 (Video Display Systems), 2.02 (LED Display), C. (Sign Face), Item #3*).
3. The specifications for Irmo Elementary have been updated as follows:
 - a. The Sign Face shall be Aluminum as noted on the illustration titled PYLON SIGN-PLAN. The design intent is a printed acrylic panel similar to the sign for Seven Oaks Elementary School.
 - b. Thermoformed Sign Face has been stricken from the specifications (*ref. Section 10 15 00 (Video Display Systems), 2.02 (LED Display), C. (Sign Face), Item # 2*).

CLARIFICATIONS / RESPONSES TO BIDDER QUESTIONS:

1. Can you advise if SC Contractors License is mandatory to have for a prime contractor? Can a subcontractor's license be acceptable in replacement?

District Response 1: Refer to the Invitation for Bid, section "Licenses and Permits" on page 24. Contractors are responsible for complying with the applicable license requirements relevant to the scope of work being performed. Current license status will be verified prior to contract award.

2. Please confirm the quantities if below mentioned takeoff is correct.
Seven Oak= QTY 4 Signs - Remove and Dispose existing letters and complete new letters and logos to be installed.
Irmo = QTY 1, Existing post and footing to be demolished from above grade? and a new sign to be installed in the same location.
Dutch Fork= QTY 1 Existing to be demolished and a complete new sign required per design.
Oak Point= QTY 1 Existing panel to be replaced with new (utilizing existing structure)
Harbison West= QTY 1 Existing cabinet to be replaced utilizing existing structure.

District Response 2: Please see below for the quantities of signs included in this solicitation with a brief overview of the scope of work for each location. Please refer to the project drawings and specifications for the full scope of work.

- **Seven Oaks Elementary School: Total of 4 Signs**
 - **Sign A:** Remove & dispose existing letters and install new letters and logos.
 - **Sign B:** Remove & dispose existing letters and install new letters.
 - **Sign C:** Remove & dispose existing letters and install new letters.
 - **Sign D:** Install new pylon sign.
 - **Irmo Elementary School: Total of 1 Sign.** New marquee sign mounted to a new post shall be installed. The existing stacked stone wall is to be removed. The existing chain link fence and wood retaining wall is to be removed. Grading is required to match existing topography at this location.
 - **Dutch Fork Middle School: Total of 1 Sign.** The existing monument shall remain, with the contractor refurbishing or replacing existing signage components as indicated by the project drawings and specifications, including installation of a new LED Display cabinet, controls, and communication system.
 - **Oak Point Elementary School: Total of 1 Sign.** The existing monument shall remain, with the contractor refurbishing or replacing existing signage components as indicated by the project drawings and specifications, including the installation of a new LED Display cabinet, controls, and communication systems.
 - **Harbison West Elementary School: Total of 1 Sign.** The existing monument shall remain, with the contractor refurbishing or replacing existing signage components as indicated by the project drawings and specifications, including the installation of a new LED Display cabinet, controls, and communication systems.
3. Are the masonry/brickwork for some of these structures already in place or would the installer I use be responsible for creating these?

District Response 3: Two of the project locations have existing brick piers to remain: Oak Pointe Elementary School and Harbison West Elementary School. Refer to the “VIEW OF EXISTING SIGN CONDITIONS” for each campus in the project drawings.

4. Were NEVCO renderings of the digital message centers required in the bid submittal?

District Response 4: Renderings of the digital message centers are not required in the bid submittal; refer to the Invitation to Bid for specific bid submittal instructions and checklist of requirements.

5. Is electrical run to these sites already or would installer be responsible for it?

District Response 5: Associated electrical work for signage relative to each campus is included in the project scope of work as shown in accordance with the Invitation to Bid, electrical drawings and specifications.

6. We utilize Optec led board systems. I do not see anything about the type of LED board specified. Can I offer to use their boards?

District Response 6: LED boards are specified in Section 10 15 00 VIDEO DISPLAY SYSTEMS. Refer to drawing sheets A002, A004; A103; A002.

Subject to compliance with the project requirements, LED sign systems and components manufactured by Optec Display Products are acceptable.

7. Do ALL LED-EMC Sign Units have to be purchased from 1 supplier? Or is it possible to have 2 or more sign manufacturers?

District Response 7: The District prefers LED sign units from a single manufacturer for a single point of service convenience and operating consistency but it is not mandatory.

8. Communications with the LED-EMC Signage - which is preferred: 4 G Verizon Wireless or Fiber-Optic Cable?

District Response 8: The vendor shall provide lifetime Verizon Cellular data plan as specified.

9. Seven Oaks ES: Does the existing Concrete foundation be utilized for the new sign or does it have to be removed and replaced with a new concrete foundation

District Response 9: The intent is to reuse the existing foundation at Seven Oaks Elementary School. The new sign is designed to be a replication of the existing sign; therefore, the existing foundation is assumed to be adequate. The Contractor is responsible to verify mounting requirements of the new sign to adapt to the existing foundation.

10. Seven Oaks ES: SIGN TYPES A, B, C - The Existing Letters that are removed, are they to be discarded or turned over to the School?

District Response 10: The existing letters may be discarded by the Contractor.

11. Seven Oaks ES: Sign Type D - regarding the TOP PANEL section for the SCHOOL NAME - Specifications call for Thermoformed Faces but the illustration appears to be a FLAT PANEL - Which is correct?

District Response 11: The specifications for Seven Oaks Elementary have been updated as follows:

a. The Top Panel shall be a Flat Panel as noted on the illustration titled NEW PYLON SIGN D on sheet A103.

b. Thermoformed Sign Face has been stricken from the specifications (ref. Section 10 15 00 (Video Display Systems), 2.02 (LED Display), C. (Sign Face), Item #3).

12. Seven Oaks ES: Sign Type D - Drawing Detail 1/A103 - what is the purpose of External Electrical Utility Service boxes on the sign base shroud? Why would they need to be exposed?

District Response 12: The external electrical utility is illustrated to replicate the existing sign. This component may be concealed at the Contractor's discretion provided the utility remains readily accessible for servicing.

13. Seven Oaks ES: Sign Type D - Drawing Detail 1/A103 - FINISH NOTE " Color Anodized Aluminum Sign Cabinet Housing & Pylon Support Enclosure but the Specifications call for a PAINTED FINISH - Is the reference to "ANODIZED" to identify a painted color or a material color electro-chemical process finish?

District Response 13: The cabinet shall be fabricated using aluminum alloy base material with color anodic finish, AAMA 611, AA-M12C22A42/A44, 0.018 mm or thicker. Color will be selected by Architect from full range of industry colors and densities.

14. Bid Form, Page 27 of Bid Package - BID ALTERNATES for Electrical - in addition to a Bid Alternate for Electrical, Dutch Fork Middle School needs a Bid Alternate ADDITION to the Base Bid for a New Sign in lieu of a Refurbished Sign - Is this possible?

District Response 14: Additional Bid Alternate will not be issued for a new sign.

15. Use of Existing Sign Foundations at Seven Oaks ES and Dutch Fork MS: Does the School District have the drawings of the original concrete foundations?

District Response 15: The District does not have drawings indicating the existing foundations.

16. Use of Existing Sign Foundations at Seven Oaks ES and Dutch Fork MS: If the School District does not have the foundation drawings how are we to get a SC Engineers Seal for the unknown construction of an existing foundation?

District Response 16: Site investigation will be required by the Contractor to field verify the existing foundation approximate configuration and (length x width x depth) to determine a reasonable assumption of the existing foundation capacity.

17. For Sign Types B & C Letters - Is it the design intent to have the Formed Plastic Letters be the Black base material finish or are the new letters to be painted Black?

District Response 17: The design intent is to match the existing letters in color and material. The existing letters appear to be formed dimensional letters using black base material (i.e., not painted) with concealed wall anchors.

18. Seven Oaks ES: For the New Letters related to Sign Type A - are these letters to be Dimensional or Vinyl? If Dimensional, what are the specifications for the letters?

District Response 18: Refer to drawing sheet A102, schedule labeled "SIGNAGE LEGEND MODIFICATIONS / MARK = SIGN A / TYPE = EXTERIOR LETTERS / DESCRIPTION = NEW 1/4" ACRYLIC FLAT TEXT AND LOGO", and refer to "NOTES FOR SIGN TYPE A.

19. Seven Oaks ES: 144 sf of new sod to be placed at Sign Type D - if we are utilizing the existing foundation for the new sign, is the sod still required?

**District Response 19:
The contractor shall repair and return to their original state all turf areas damaged or disturbed by the contractor.**

20. Irmo ES: The New SIGN TYPE D illustration appears to show a Routed Aluminum Face with backed-up Acrylic but the specifications call for Thermoformed Faces - which is correct?

District Response 20: The specifications for Irmo Elementary have been updated as follows:

- a. **The Sign Face shall be Aluminum as noted on the illustration titled PYLON SIGN-PLAN. The design intent is a printed acrylic panel similar to the sign for Seven Oaks Elementary School.**
- b. **Thermoformed Sign Face has been stricken from the specifications (ref. Section 10 15 00 (Video Display Systems), 2.02 (LED Display), C. (Sign Face), Item # 2)**

21. Irmo ES: Sign Color appears to be BLACK - is that a painted finish or an ANODIZED finish? (Anodized to be a material electro-chemical process finish)

District Response 21: The design intent is for an Anodized finish, not a painted finish. The contractor shall fabricate the cabinet using aluminum alloy base material with color anodic finish, AAMA 611, AA-M12C22A42/A44, 0.018 mm or thicker. Color will be selected by Architect from full range of industry colors and densities.

22. Dutch Fork MS: The addition of the Digital signage adds weight of approximately 550 pounds to the sign. Dutch Fork MS: Does the School District have the Sign drawings showing the construction details of the sign? so we can determine how we can add the support structure to handle the added weight?

District Response 22: Site investigation will be required by the Contractor to field verify the existing foundation approximate configuration and (length x width x depth) to determine a reasonable assumption of the existing foundation capacity.

23. Dutch Fork MS: There is a NOTE on A201 that the NEW LOGO - Provided by Owner. Is this in reference to ARTWORK or the Owner is going to provide physical signage to be added to the existing sign?

District Response 23: The District will provide logo artwork in digital format; the physical sign is furnished and installed in the project scope.

24. Dutch Fork MS: Is the Coca Cola name to be covered up in the refurbishment scope of work of the sign?

District Response 24: The Coca Cola name shall be covered up in the refurbishment scope of work of the sign.

25. Dutch Fork MS: Is the intent the NEW LOGO is to be Internally Illuminated? If yes, is it acceptable to have a 2" deep fabricated logo with an acrylic face and LED modules for illumination fastened to the new aluminum replacement face?

District Response 25: The new logo is not illuminated.

26. Dutch Fork MS: Is it the intent of the School District that the Entire Sign be repainted? If Yes to Repainting the entire sign, can the sign be removed from the site and taken to the fabrication shop for this work?

District Response 26: The design intent is for the entire sign to be painted. The Contractor is responsible to determine the means and methods to accomplish the work in accordance with the drawings and specifications.

27. Harbison West ES: Is it the intent of the School District to have the entire brick structure pressure washed under this contract?

District Response 27: It is not the intent of the District to have the entire brick structure pressure washed under this contract.

28. Harbison West ES: The addition of the Digital signage adds weight of approximately 370 pounds to the sign's brick structure. Does the School District have the Sign drawings showing the construction details of the sign? so we can determine how we can add the support structure to handle the added weight?

District Response 28: Site investigation will be required by the Contractor to field verify the existing construction and configuration to determine a reasonable assumption of the existing sign capacity to accommodate the weight.

29. Harbison West ES: The replacement of the existing sign panels with new COMPOSITE SIGN FACES, is it the intent of the School District that the COMPOSITE faces have the "Sand Carved" appearance as the current sign panels?

District Response 29: The design intent is to replace the existing sign panels with new material that closely resembles the existing material. A textured or "sand carved" finish is not required, and a smooth finish is acceptable if this is an economical alternative.

30. Harbison West ES: Address 257 numbers - is the address number to be repainted prior to re-installation in a different location?

District Response 30: Yes; the address number shall be repainted prior to reinstallation.

31. The Daktronics Sign Cabinets are painted Black. Is there a requirement that the Daktronics sign cabinets be painted to match the color of the rest of the school signs?

District Response 31: It is not a requirement for the sign cabinets to be painted to match the color of the rest of the school signs.

32. I am an Account Manager for Electro-Matic Visual. We specialize in LED digital signage and lighting with products like digital message centers, scoreboards, video walls, and much more. I have come across your project involving signage updates to Irmo, Seven Oaks, Oak Point, Harbison Elementary, and Dutch Fork Middle Schools. I would like to inquire about how we can be added to the project as an appropriate spec for the Digital Message Centers?

District Response 32: Subject to compliance with the project requirements, LED sign systems and components manufactured by Electro-Matic Visual are acceptable.

33. I am reaching out on behalf of Optec Displays in regard to your Digital Sign Replacements bid for the Lexington-Richland School District Five. I wanted to verify if you would be open to looking at and receiving quotes that utilize Optec Display Products?

District Response 33: Refer to District Response to question 6.

34. Is there a formal process to schedule a site survey?

District Response 34: Bidders are strongly encouraged to inspect existing conditions prior to submitting their bid. Visitors are required to check in at the main office of each location immediately upon arrival.

35. Will all these signs be demolished and replaced? Or are there some that just need retrofitted with a digital message center?

District Response 35: Refer to the project drawings and specifications for the scope of work.

36. What are the desired sizes and pixel pitches of the new digital message boards?

District Response 36: Refer to the project drawings and specifications for the scope of work.

37. Will you accept just the base bid quote and not the bid alternate quotes (for electrical), or must we include a quote for electrical to be considered?

District Response 37: Bid alternates must be included on the bid form. Partial bids will be deemed non-responsive.

End of 2025-022 Amendment 1.