

	District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Invitation for Bid Amendment Two	Solicitation #	2026-020
		Date Amendment Issued	January 23, 2026
		Procurement Official	Lauren Bové, CPPO, CPPB
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DESCRIPTION	LED Lighting Upgrades
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The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal"

SUBMIT OFFER BY	January 15, 2026 @ 11:00 am January 28, 2026 @ 11:00 am February 04, 2026 @ 11:00 am
QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY	January 08, 2026 @ 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: N/A DATE & TIME: As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions	LOCATION: N/A
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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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	Order E-Mail Address:
	<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 (%)
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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 TWO

LED Lighting Upgrades SOLICITATION # 2026-020

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.

CHANGES:

The deadline for submission of offers has been changed to February 04, 2026 @ 11:00 am

SUBSTITUTION REQUESTS:

1. Columbia Lighting is an approved alternate.
2. IKIO LED Lighting is an approved alternate.
3. Lightronics is an approved alternate.
4. LSI is an approved alternate.
5. MaxLite is an approved alternate.
6. NetZero is an approved alternate.
7. RAB is an approved alternate.

CLARIFICATIONS / RESPONSES TO BIDDER QUESTIONS:

1. Site Visit Coordination: Although a pre-bid conference is listed as N/A, please confirm the preferred process to schedule site access for Chapin High School, Dutch Fork Middle School, and Irmo Middle School (points of contact, available dates/times, and check-in requirements).

District's Response: You may conduct site visits during each school's operating hours. All visitors are required to check in at the front office of the school upon arrival.

2. Work Hours / Phasing: Please confirm whether fixture changeouts must be performed after school hours/weekends, and whether any specific phasing or room-by-room sequencing is required to minimize instructional disruption.

District's Response: Work shall be performed after school hours (4:00 PM to 7:00 AM, Monday through Friday), on weekends, and during school holidays. After-hours access will be provided. No specific phasing or room-by-room sequencing is required beyond coordinating work to minimize instructional disruption.

3. Emergency Lighting / Drivers: For fixtures identified as emergency, please confirm whether the District prefers Iota ILB-CP10-A emergency drivers installed in the fixture, or if any locations are served by existing dedicated emergency circuits intended to remain in use (as shown on plans). If there are any required functional testing procedures/documentation for emergency operation, please advise.

District's Response: Emergency lighting shall functionally remain as existing under this one-for-one replacement project. Where backup drivers are present, the contractor shall provide Iota ILB-CP10-A emergency drivers or approved equal, and where fixtures are served by dedicated emergency circuits, the contractor shall connect new fixtures to those circuits. The Contractor is responsible for verifying all emergency power sources and testing all emergency lighting functions to ensure proper operation.

4. Fixture Disposal Requirements: Please confirm whether the District requires any specific disposal/recycling documentation for removed fixtures/lamps, and whether there are any site-specific disposal restrictions beyond "no use of school trash containers."

District's Response: The Contractor shall provide their own dumpster and properly dispose of all removed fixtures, lamps, and debris offsite. No additional disposal or recycling documentation or site-specific restrictions apply beyond the prohibition on use of school trash containers.

5. Bid Alternate (Irmo MS Media Center): Please confirm whether the Media Center (126 fixtures) is to be priced as a separate Bid Alternate on the bid form (base bid + additive alternate), and whether award may be made including or excluding the alternate at the District's discretion.

District's Response: The Irmo Middle School Media Center fixtures shall be priced as a separate bid alternate, and the District reserves the right to award the project with or without the alternate at its discretion.

6. The solicitation notes that bidders are strongly encouraged to visit the site(s) prior to bidding. We would like to request guidance on the proper process for scheduling site walkthroughs at the following locations:

- Chapin High School
- Dutch Fork Middle School
- Irmo Middle School

Please advise on the appropriate point of contact, required procedures, and any available dates or protocols for coordinating these visits.

District's Response: Site visits may be conducted during each school's operating hours. All visitors are required to check in at the front office of the school upon arrival.

7. I would love to set up a site visit for the three schools sometime the week of the 12th. Is that possible?

District's Response: Site visits may be conducted during each school's operating hours. All visitors are required to check in at the front office of the school upon arrival.

8. What are the ceiling heights of each school where the work will be completed?

District's Response:

The Contractor is responsible for field verification of all site conditions, including ceiling heights.

- IMS: Approximately 10'-8" ceilings at most locations
- DFMS: Approximately 9'-0" ceilings at most locations, with some areas at 10'-0".
- CHS: Approximately 9'-0" ceilings at most locations

9. What ceiling types for the light fixtures are located at each school for the work being requested (ACT, Sheetrock or other hard lid, Suspended Open Ceiling)?

District's Response: All areas included in the scope of work have suspended ceiling systems with acoustical ceiling tile.

10. Will the fixtures require additional/replacement support hangers or will the existing hangers be reused?

District's Response: Existing fixture support hangers may be reused provided they are in adequate condition; the Contractor shall furnish and install any additional or replacement supports as required to meet code and manufacturer requirements.

11. Will the existing flex/wiring or other conduit connections be reused or will replacement flex/wire be needed to ensure fitment of the new light fixture?

District's Response: Existing flex, wiring, and conduit connections may be reused provided they are in adequate condition; the Contractor shall replace any components as necessary to ensure proper fitment, code compliance, and safe operation of the new fixtures.

12. What are the hours available for the work being requested and can after-hours access be provided?

District's Response: Work shall be performed after school hours (4:00 PM to 7:00 AM, Monday through Friday), on weekends, and during school holidays, and after-hours access will be provided.

13. Is there any concerns for use of a lift on the floors or due to access limitations?

District's Response: Lifts may be used where access allows; the Contractor is responsible for assessing site conditions and ensuring safe operation without damaging floors or other building elements.

14. Will the district be providing a lift for use on this project?

District's Response: The Contractor shall provide all required materials and equipment, including any lifts needed to complete the work.

15. Can the district identify all breakers or locations of panels to turn off lights for the work being requested?

District's Response: The District will assist in identifying panel locations; the Contractor is responsible for verifying breakers and safely de-energizing circuits as required for the work.

16. Will the district provide a recycling dumpster or space for a recycling dumpster at each school?

District's Response: The District will provide space for a dumpster at each school; the Contractor is responsible for supplying and managing the dumpster for proper disposal of all materials.

17. What are the ceiling heights of each school where the work will be completed?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 8

18. What ceiling types for the light fixtures are located at each school for the work being requested (ACT, Sheetrock or other hard lid, Suspended Open Ceiling)?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 9

19. Will the fixtures require additional/replacement support hangers or will the existing hangers be reused?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 10

20. Will the existing flex/wiring or other conduit connections be reused or will replacement flex/wire be needed to ensure fitment of the new light fixture?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 11

21. What are the hours available for the work being requested and can afterhours access be provided?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 12

22. Is there any concerns for use of a lift on the floors or due to access limitations?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 13

23. Will the district be providing a lift for use on this project?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 14

24. Can the district identified all breakers or locations of panels to turn off lights for the work being requested?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 15

25. Will the district provide a recycling dumpster or space for a recycling dumpster at each school?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 16

26. For each school can you clarify existing ceiling height vs true ceiling height so we are clear on how much space is above suspended ceilings that may require replacement hanger wires and what type of structure is provide to allow the support wires to be installed such as concrete, steel decking, existing web joists, etc?

District's Response: The contractor is responsible for confirming above-ceiling conditions and support wire installation at each location.

- IMS: Suspended ceiling approximately 10'-8"; approximately 7' of space above ceiling to underside of roof deck with structural steel joists.
- DFMS: 9'-0" Suspended ceilings approximately 9'-0" at most locations, some areas at 10"; corridors have concrete platforms above suspended ceiling approximately 12' above finish floor.
- CHS: Suspended ceilings generally 9'-0", with select locations at 9'-4" and 9'-8"; steel joists above suspended ceiling with top of joists approximately 14'-0".

27. Can you please clarify if the 2x2 CPX panel is acceptable in the A12 lens to ensure correct model is established?

District's Response: LED panels shall be provided with a Satin White Lens (SWL). The 2x2 CPX panel with

an A12 lens is not acceptable.

28. Will attaching to existing ceiling wires to extend the support wire via twisting 2 wires together or other means be acceptable?

District's Response: Support wires shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and all applicable local codes.

29. What are the ceiling heights of each school where the work will be completed?
District's Response: See District's Response- # 8

30. What ceiling types for the light fixtures are located at each school for the work being requested (ACT, Sheetrock or other hard lid, Suspended Open Ceiling)?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 9

31. Will the fixtures require additional or replacement support hangers or will the existing hangers be long enough to be reused?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 10

32. Will the existing flex/wiring or other conduit connections be reused or will replacement flex/wire be needed to ensure fitment of the new light fixture?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 11

33. Will a key be provided or access card to allow contractor afterhours access?

District's Response: The district can provide keys to the contractor for afterhours access.

34. Is there any concerns for use of a lift on the floors or due to access limitations?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 13

35. Will the district be providing a lift for use on this project?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 14

36. Can the district identify locations of electrical panels to turn off lights for the work being requested?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 15

37. Will the district provide a recycling dumpster or space for a recycling dumpster at each school?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 16

38. Can you please clarify if the 2x2 CPX panel is acceptable in the A12 or SWL lens to ensure correct model is established?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 27

39. For each school can you clarify existing ceiling height vs true ceiling height so we are clear on how much space is above suspended ceilings that may require replacement hanger wires and what type of structure is provide to allow the support wires to be installed such as concrete, steel decking, existing web joists, etc?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question #26

40. Will attaching to existing ceiling wires to extend the support wire via twisting 2 wires together or other similar means be acceptable?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 28

41. Per the drawings it is clear that the symbols for each drawing are not standardized. Can you please indicate accurately exactly how many 2x2, 2x4, and additional battery backup units you will require?

District's Response: Light counts for 2x2 and 2x4 fixtures are provided in the Project Specifications; the Contractor is responsible for confirming final counts at all locations. The Contractor shall also verify the location and power source of all emergency lighting to determine the number of backup batteries required.

42. Are any generator connected drivers required?

District's Response: Where existing fixtures are wired to dedicated emergency circuits, new fixtures shall be connected to those circuits. The Contractor shall verify the location and power source of all emergency lighting. Emergency lights requiring backup batteries shall be provided with emergency LED drivers as specified in the Project Specifications.

43. Can you provide a model of ceiling tile you would like to have for any damaged tiles needing to be replaced or will the district provide those tiles?

District's Response: Any damaged ceiling tiles requiring replacement shall be USG 2210 2x2 tiles and USG 2410 2x4 tiles. The Contractor is responsible for repairing or replacing any damaged tiles resulting from the work.

44. can you please send me a copy of each lighting blueprint from the solicitation as it was very hard to read which lights are designated as emergency.

District's Response: Existing lighting plans are stored in the District Engineering and Facilities offices. The Contractor shall coordinate with that department to review the plans and verify the locations and designation of all emergency lighting.

45. Do we need to schedule a time for the site visits to Chapin High School, Dutch Fork Middle School, and Irmo Middle School or are the site visits just during normal operating hours?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 1

46. Is there a good time this week or next week that I could schedule site visits ahead of turning in my bid?

District's Response: See District's Response- Question # 1

47. Can you please provide PDF (or similar) of the Fire Escape Map for Chapin High School, Dutch Fork Middle School, and Irmo Middle School

District's Response: Existing fire escape maps for Chapin High School, Dutch Fork Middle School, and Irmo Middle School are stored in the District Engineering and Facilities offices. The Contractor shall coordinate with that department to review the maps as needed.

48. Are the interior emergency fixtures integrated into the existing 2x4 fixtures? Or are the interior emergency fixtures wall mounted?

District's Response: Interior emergency lighting is integrated into the existing 2x4 fixtures. The Contractor

shall verify all emergency fixture locations and power sources prior to installation.

49. Is this job a one for one type project? All fixtures we are replacing are going to be replaced in the same location and using existing circuitry?

District's Response: Yes, this is a one-for-one replacement project. All fixtures shall be replaced in the same locations and connected to the existing circuitry unless otherwise specified. The Contractor shall verify circuit connections and fixture locations prior to installation.

50. What is the duration of the project? Specifically, how many days do we have to complete it?

District's Response: The project duration is to be determined. The Contractor shall coordinate scheduling with the District to minimize disruption and verify available work hours at each location.

51. When is the project expected to start?

District's Response: The project start date is to be determined. The Contractor shall coordinate with the District prior to mobilization to confirm schedule and access.

52. Will storage & prep area be made available at each site or maybe just one site or should we budget for our own storage?

District's Response: The District will coordinate with the Contractor to provide an area for storage and prep at each site as available. The Contractor shall plan and budget accordingly for storage needs.

53. Are unit prices required when filling out the bidding schedule?

District's Response: Yes, please fill out the section for unit prices when completing the bidding schedule.