

	District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Invitation for Bid Amendment Two	Solicitation #	2026-032
		Date Amendment Issued	April 24, 2026
		Procurement Official	Melissa Kauffman
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DESCRIPTION	District Wide Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Fire Extinguishers, Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression Systems, Sprinkler Fire Suppression Systems, and Backflow Preventer Assemblies
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The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal"

SUBMIT OFFER BY	April 21, 2026 @ 11:00 am April 30, 2026 @ 11:00 am
QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY	April 14, 2026 @ 12:00 pm <u>Deadline has passed</u>
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) ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation (tax-exempt) ☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt) ☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local) ☐ 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)	
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)						
☐ Payment Address same as Home Office Address ☐ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	Order E-Mail Address:						
	☐ Order Address same as Home Office Address ☐ 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 DO NOT APPLY							
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) PREFERENCES DO NOT APPLY							

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AMENDMENT TWO

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SOLICITATION # 2026-032

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.

CLARIFICATIONS / RESPONSES TO BIDDER QUESTIONS:

1. How many backflows total are there or per school? I see 17 schools have a sprinkler system, is it just one system per or do some schools have multiple?

District's Response: The District estimates approximately fifty-one (51) backflow prevention assemblies. Fifteen (15) schools are equipped with sprinkler systems, and certain locations may have multiple systems within a single building and/or systems serving multiple buildings on the same campus. This information is provided for bidding purposes only and is not guaranteed. Bidders are encouraged to conduct site visits to verify existing conditions. The awarded Contractor shall be responsible for performing a comprehensive inventory of all backflow prevention assemblies as part of the initial contract requirements, which will establish final quantities.

2. (III. Scope of work / Specifications – Fire Extinguishers) - There is a reference to a nonportable Clean Agent Fire Suppression System located in the District Office – Annex Building (server room). This sounds like it is a special hazards system that uses either a Sapphire or an FM-200 agent to extinguish fires. We need clarification on the type of system this refers to. These generally include panel inspection and device testing (I.E. Smokes, Heats or other types of detection devices).

District's Response: The District Office- Annex Building (server room) has a FM 200 Clean-Agent Fire Suppression System.

3. (III. Scope of work / Specifications - Sprinkler Fire Suppression Systems and Backflow) - There is a reference to hose valves and standpipe inspections. These items are not included in the typical wet system inspection. There needs to be a separate line item for these systems in order to quote properly.

District's Response: Offeror must submit pricing as indicated on the Bidding Schedule for Lot A. Pricing shall be inclusive of all items outlined in the scope of work, including hose valves and standpipe inspections.

4. (III. Scope of work / Specifications - Sprinkler Fire Suppression Systems and Backflow) - This section references multiple different services that require different pricing. Services are as follows: 5-year internal inspections, 5-year hydrostatic test (FDC), 5-year standpipe flow test, Dry pipe hydrostatic test, 5-year hydrostatic test of the fire hose, 5-year Underground pressure test and the backflow internal inspection.

District's Response: Offerors must submit pricing as indicated on the Bidding Schedule for Lot Pricing shall be inclusive of all services specified, including all required testing and inspections outlined in the scope of work.

5. (III. Scope of work / Specifications - Sprinkler Fire Suppression Systems and Backflow) - Customer will have access to all exap reports through the provided portal. Reports will also be sent to email given to the inspectors on site at the time of inspection.

District's Response: This is not a question. Offerors shall comply with the reporting requirements as specified in the solicitation documents.

6. What are the payment terms to this agreement? Net 30, Net 45?

District's Response: Payment terms shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the solicitation documents.

7. If we aren't fully matching your specifications, how would you like us to communicate or address the issue?

District's Response: Offerors must meet all specifications as stated. Bids that do not fully comply with the requirements of the solicitation may be deemed non-responsive.

8. (VIII. BIDDING SCHEDULE - Lot A and Lot B) - We need lot A to match Lot B to reflect per system/ per unit pricing.

District's Response: The Bidding Schedule will not be modified. Offerors must submit pricing in accordance with the current Bidding Schedule.

9. (Lot A Hoods, Sprinkler and Backflow)- Is there documentation available for the hoods in terms of how many tanks each kitchen system has at each school? Additionally, how many fusible links each system has?

District's Response: The District estimates approximately thirty-one (31) kitchen hood fire suppression systems. Based on current information, each system is equipped with one (1) suppression cylinder (tank) and three (3) fusible links. This information is provided for general reference only and is not guaranteed. Bidders are encouraged to conduct site visits to verify existing conditions. The awarded Contractor shall be responsible for performing a comprehensive inventory of all system components as part of the initial contract requirements, which will establish final quantities.

10. (Lot A Hoods, Sprinkler and Backflow)- Is there documentation available to describe how many wet and/or dry systems each school has?

District's Response: This information is provided for bidding purposes only and is not guaranteed. Bidders are encouraged to conduct site visits to verify existing conditions. The awarded Contractor shall be responsible for performing a comprehensive inventory of all backflow prevention assemblies as part of the initial contract requirements, which will establish final quantities.

WET SYSTEMS	DRY SYSTEMS
BES – 1	CATE – 1
CATE – 3	IES – 1
CHS – 13	IMS – 2
DFHS – 5	SOES – 3
IES – 3	SHHS – 1
IHS – 5	
IMS – 8	
LES – 8	
OPES – 3	
SOES – 2	
SHHS – 4	
PWES – 3	
LCSD5 ADMIN - 1	

11. (Lot A Hoods, Sprinkler and Backflow)- Is there documentation available to describe how many backflows each school has?

District's Response: Please see response to Question 1.

12. (Lot B Fire Extinguishers):- Recharge Price – does this need to include the recharge price only or does that need to include parts and pieces required by NFPA code to perform the recharge by code? Same question for the Hydrostatic test.

District's Response: Pricing for recharge and hydrostatic testing shall be inclusive of all labor, materials and components required to perform the services in accordance with applicable NFPA codes and the specifications.

13. (Lot B Fire Extinguishers):- Is the column for Recharge Price, Hydrostatic this is per unit?

District's Response: Yes, the pricing for Recharge and Hydrostatic Testing shall be submitted on a per unit basis.

14. (Lot B Fire Extinguishers):- What is the difference between Total for all services and then Total Price? By the way this reads, the first row with 5lb ABC describes 3 items, Inspection, Recharge, Hydrostatic – then provide a total for that. Then multiply that total by 171 units. Is that correct?

District's Response:

“Total for all services” refers to the combined cost of inspection, recharge, and hydrostatic testing per unit.

“Total Price” is the extended cost calculated by multiplying the per unit total by the estimated quantity.

15. How many schools have fire sprinkler systems?

District's Response: Please refer to Attachment C of the solicitation.

16. How many systems does each school have and what kind are they?

District's Response: Please see response to Question 10.

17. How many backflows are there?

District's Response: Please see response to Question 1.

18. How many fire pumps if any?

District's Response: The District estimates a total of three (3) fire pumps. This quantity is approximate and provided for bidding purposes only. Bidders are encouraged to perform site visits. The awarded Contractor shall complete a full inventory as part of the initial contract services, which will determine the final quantity.

19. How many fire hydrants do you want tested and how often?

District's Response: Fire hydrant inspection, testing, and maintenance services are not included in the scope of this solicitation. These services are performed by the applicable municipal authority.

20. We only do backflow testing and repairs. Would we be able to bid on only doing the backflow preventer device inspections or would we have to bid on the other services too?

District's Response: Bidders may submit pricing for one or both lots. Award(s) will be made by lot to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s). Offerors are not required to bid on both Lot A and B to be considered. However, bidders must be able to perform all services within any lot for which they submit a bid and must meet all minimum qualifications and special standards of responsibility as stated in the solicitation.