

Alabama A&M University



Department of Biological and
Environmental Sciences

Invitation to Bid (ITB) –
2K17-T-AG-01B



Purchasing Department
P. O. Box 1627
Normal, Alabama 35762
(256) 372-5227 Office
(256) 372-5223 Fax

GENERAL CONDITIONS & GUIDELINES

1. **Requirements:** Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (“AAMU”, “the Awarding Authority”) must receive each vendor’s bid package by mail or hand delivered no later than 2:00 P.M. Central Time on the bid submission deadline, which will also be the date and time of the bid opening. Unless otherwise noted, the bid opening will take place at:

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University

Purchasing Department

4900 Meridian Street

Patton Hall, Room 305

Normal, AL 35762

All bids received must be provided in a sealed envelope. (Ala. Code § 41-16-54 (b)) A faxed or emailed bid does not meet the requirements of the statute because it is not sealed, and all such bids will be deemed ineligible for award. (Attorney General’s Opinion # 91-016)

Mailed sealed bids sent to the Purchasing Department by logistics carriers FedEx, DHL, or Airborne Express must be sent to the following address:

Alabama A&M University

Purchasing Department

4900 Meridian Street

Patton, Hall, Room 305

Normal, AL 35762

Mailed sealed bids sent to the Purchasing Department by the United States Postal Service (USPS) must be sent to the following address:

Alabama A&M University

Purchasing Department

P.O. Box 1627

Normal, AL 35762

2. **Bid Preparation:** Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University bid forms must be completed and returned as a part of the bid quote. Bids should be as thorough and detailed as possible so that AAMU may be able to properly evaluate a bidder's capabilities to provide the required products or services. All bidders must send descriptive literature and/or manufacturer's specifications along with any supplemental specifications necessary to compare the items bid with the requirements set forth in the bid form. All bids must be submitted within a sealed package with the bid number, opening date and time, and bidder's name and address clearly indicated on the envelope. Bidders are required to submit all items required in the bid package.

An authorized representative of the Bidding Agency shall sign ITB bid documents. All information requested must be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in rejection of the bid. Mandatory requirements are those required by law or regulation or are such that they cannot be waived and are not subject to negotiation.

All supporting documentation submitted with the bid should be bound in that single volume.

Ownership of all data, materials, and documentation originated and prepared for the University pursuant to the ITB shall belong exclusively to AAMU and be subject to public review.

3. **Oral Presentation:** Bidders who submit a bid in response to this ITB may be required to give an oral presentation of their bid to the Awarding Authority. This will provide an opportunity for the Bidding Agency to clarify or elaborate on the bid but will in no way change the original bid. If an oral presentation is to be required, the Awarding Authority

will schedule the time and location of these presentations. Oral presentations are an option of the Awarding Authority and may not be required to be conducted.

4. **Bid Bonds:** It is required for any contract exceeding \$10,000 that the bidder submit with his or her bid a bid bond payable to Alabama A&M University in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid to not exceed \$10,000. Bid bonds must be submitted in a form of a cashier's check, certified check, postal money order, irrevocable letter of credit, or U.S. Treasury Notes in lieu of a bid bond. No personal checks or company checks will be accepted. If a bid bond, when required, is not included in a bid package, the bidder's bid package will not receive further consideration.
5. **Award:** Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University ("AAMU", "the Awarding Authority") reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all bids and is not bound to accept the lowest bid if that bid is contrary to the best interests of the University. In making an award, intangible factors such as a bidder's service, integrity, conformity with specifications, transportation charges, terms of delivery, facilities, equipment, reputation, and past performance history will be weighed along with the quality displayed in the samples submitted (Ala. Code § 41-16-57 (a)). Bids may be awarded either item by item, in product groups, or all or none, whichever appears to be in the best interests of the University. Selection shall be made of one bidder deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those bidders that submitted bids on the basis of the evaluation factors included in this ITB. Financial criteria shall be considered, but will not be the sole determining factor. After reviews have been conducted, the Awarding Authority shall select the Bidding Agency which has made the best bid and shall award the bid to that Bidding Agency. The Awarding Authority may cancel this ITB or reject any and all bids at any time prior to an award.

A bid accepted in error as the lowest responsible bid is null and void and AAMU, upon discovery of the error, may accept the lowest bid and award the contract to that bidder. (Attorney General's Opinion # 2002-071)

Under Ala. Code § 41-16-57 (c), the Awarding Authority may consider lifecycle costs in making its determination of the lowest responsible bidder.

Under Ala. Code § 41-16-57 (b), the Awarding Authority shall give preference to commodities produced in Alabama or sold by Alabama companies provided there is not a loss in price or quality. However, when the lowest bidder is a foreign entity, meaning that the vendor does not have a place of business within the State of Alabama, AAMU may award the contract to an "in-state" responsible bidder if his or her bid is within ten percent (10%) of the foreign entity's lowest responsible bid. AAMU may also award the contract to any of the following "in-state" responsible bidders that are within ten percent (10%) of the foreign entity lowest bidder:

- A. A woman-owned enterprise
- B. A small business enterprise

- C. A minority-owned business enterprise
- D. A veteran-owned business enterprise
- E. A disadvantaged-owned business enterprise

If an “in-state” vendor is not within ten percent (10%) of the foreign entity lowest responsible bidder, the contract will be awarded to the foreign entity.

6. **Second Lowest Responsible Bidder:** An Awarding Authority can award the bid to the second lowest responsible bidder if the lowest responsible bidder defaults on the contract after the award has been made, but only under any of the following circumstances:
 - A. The lowest responsible bidder notifies the Awarding Authority in writing that he or she will no longer comply with the contract’s terms.
 - B. The Awarding Authority documents the default in writing.

The second lowest responsible bidder shall only receive the award given that he or she agrees to all the terms and conditions in the original bid.

7. **Bid Withdrawal:** No bids may be withdrawn without approval from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University’s Purchasing Department. Any requests for withdrawal must be in writing to the Purchasing Department within five (5) days after the bid opening date with justification or reason for the withdrawal. More than two (2) such requests could result in removal from our bid list. No bid may be withdrawn after the issuance of a purchase order. If a withdrawal is made after the purchase order is issued, the vendor will be considered in default. Refer to “Default of Contractor.”

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University may remove any vendor from the Bidders List after a vendor fails to respond to three consecutive Invitation to Bid (ITB) requests.

8. **Bid Rejection:** The Awarding Authority may reject any bid if the price is deemed excessive or the quality of the product inferior. (Ala. Code § 41-16-57 (c)) In the event only one bidder responds to an invitation to bid, the Awarding Authority may reject the bid and negotiate the purchase or contract, provided that the negotiated price is lower than the bid price and there are no change in specifications. (Ala Code § 41-16-50 (a) and Attorney General’s Opinion # 98-140). In the event only one bidder responds to an invitation to bid, the Awarding Authority may also advertise for and seek other competitive bids. Where only one responsible and responsive bid is received, AAMU may only negotiate for a price lower than the single bid received.

9. **Prices and Payment Terms:** Bidders should quote applicable cash discounts. The University will not take into consideration in the bid evaluation any cash discount of less than thirty (30) days of duration. However, we will take advantage of all discounts for which we are eligible. Identify these discounts in your bid response. Bids containing “payment in advance” or “cash on delivery (COD)” requirements may be rejected.
10. **Applicable Law:** It is agreed that this quotation is valid to the extent that it does not violate the constitution or the laws of the State of Alabama.

Bidder represents and warrants that all article and services covered by this bid meet or exceed the safety standards established and promulgated under the Federal, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, No. 2006, and its regulations in effect or proposed as the date of this bid.

The furnishing of materials, supplies, equipment, or service to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University under this purchase order, contract, solicitation for bids, or construction specification constitutes assurance by the vendor or contractor of his compliance with applicable provisions of an pertinent regulations promulgated under Executive Order 11246, date September 28, 1965 issued by the President of the United States of America, and Public Law 88-352, 88th Congress, the “Civil Rights Act of 1964.”

11. **Non-Collusion:** Any agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding, or otherwise, shall render the bids of such bidders void. Each bidder certifies that he has not been a party to such an agreement by signing this bid.
12. **New Products:** Unless specifically called for in the bid, all products for purchase must be new, never previously used, and the current model and/or packaging. No remanufactured or refurbished, demonstrator, used, or irregular product will be considered for purchase unless otherwise specified in the bid. The manufacturer’s standard warranty will apply unless otherwise specified in the bid. All requests should be supplied complete, ready to be installed, including all cabling and connectors, where applicable.
13. **Bonds:** Bid and performance security bond, when required will be indicated.
14. **Bid Submission:** Failure to submit a bid on the official Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical form provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid. Return of the complete document is required. Modification of or additions to any portion of the solicitation may be cause for rejection of the bid; however, AAMU reserves the right to decide, on a case-by-case basis, in its sole discretion, whether or not to reject such a bid as non-responsive.

All information shall be typewritten or handwritten in the appropriate spaces on the forms. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrections inserted before submission of your bid. Corrections shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the bid.

All bids must be signed. Failure to do so will result in rejection of the bid.

15. **Delivery:** Time of delivery shall be stated as the number of calendar days following receipt of the order by the vendor, to receipt of the goods by Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.

Delivery time may be a criterion in awarding bids. Specify earliest possible delivery after receipt of order. Failure to deliver within the time the vendor specified in the bid will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the contract. Refer to "Default of Contractor."

All prices quoted are to include Free on Board (F.O.B.) shipping to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, Central Receiving Building, 3409 Meridian Street, Huntsville, AL 35811 (unless another F.O.B. point is stated by the University on the bid form). The successful bidder must assume all responsibility for damage in transit. When installation is required, it will be stated in the bid requirements. If you are not quoting a delivered price, you must indicate your shipping provider / logistics carrier and all related transportation costs itemized in your bid for evaluation purposes.

16. **Bid Terms:** Bidders must show unit prices, extensions, and total price, where applicable. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price shall govern. Bids shall remain firm for a minimum of thirty (30) days from the date of bid opening and any exceptions must be clearly stated.
17. **Bid Opening:** Bidders may attend the bid opening, but no information or opinions concerning the ultimate award will be given at the bid opening or during the evaluation process. After the public opening of this bid, the results will not be available to bidders not attending the opening until after an award is made.
18. **Bids are Public Record:** All bids become a matter of public record at bid award. Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University accepts no responsibility for maintaining confidentiality of any information submitted with bid whether labeled confidential or not.
19. **Standards of Quality:** When a material, article, or piece of equipment is identified in these specifications by reference to manufacturer's or vendor's name, trade name, catalog, and stock numbers, etc., it is intended merely to establish a standard; and, any material, article or equipment of other manufacturer and vendor which will perform equally the duties imposed by the general design, provided the material, article, or equipment proposed, is in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent of equal substance and

function. It shall not be purchased or installed by the contractor without the Purchasing Agents' written approval.

The bidder is responsible to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable AAMU to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the Invitation to Bid (ITB). Normally in competitive sealed bidding only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid non-responsive. Unless the bidder clearly indicates in its bid that the product offered is an "Equal" product, such bid will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the invitation. References to manufacturers, suppliers, catalog numbers, etc. are intended to establish quality standards and does not exclude bids from others as long as quality standards are met. Offers of equal items must state the brand and quality standard. Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University will be the sole judge of Equal items bid.

20. **Vendor Authorization:** Vendor must be an authorized distributor/agent to sell products proposed in this bid request. When it is deemed to be in the best interest of the University, the Purchasing Department may request an on-site premise visit to examine the facility.
21. **Default of Contractor:** Where the University has determined the contractor to be in default, the University reserves the right to purchase any or all products or services covered by the contract on the open market and to charge the contractor with cost in excess of the contract price. Until such assessed charges have been paid, no subsequent bid from the defaulting contractor will be considered.
22. **Fiscal Funding Clause:** The continuation of this contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the contract by the legislature. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide the continuation of a contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.
23. **Contract Cancellation:** The Purchasing Department has the right to cancel any contract, in accordance with Purchasing Rules and Regulations, for cause, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) failure to deliver within the agreed upon contract duration; (2) failure of the product or service to meet specifications, conform to sample quality, or to be delivered in good condition; (3) misrepresentation by the contractor; (4) fraud, collusion, conspiracy, or other unlawful means of obtaining any contract with the state; (5) conflict of contract provisions with constitutional or statutory provisions of state or federal law; and (6) any other breach of contract.
24. **Warranties:** Should merchandise described on this bid contain a manufacturer's warranty, bidders must state the warranty terms in the space provided on the bid. Bids offered for merchandise when no warranty applies must clearly state: "NO WARRANTY"

COVERAGE.” Warranty information may be criteria in making this award. Failure of bidders to furnish this data may cause rejection of the complete bid as being non-responsive.

25. **Disclosure Statement:** The successful bidder will be required to file with the Purchasing Department a disclosure statement of relationship between contractors/grantees and employees/officials of the University. This form must be completed prior to issuance of the Purchase Order by Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.



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Certification Pursuant To Act No. 2006-557

The following statement is applicable to all Requests for Formal Bid and Contracts for Professional Services that are required on all taxable sales and leases into Alabama:

Alabama Law (Section 41-4-116, Code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain a certification that the vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama state and local sales, use, and/or lease tax on all taxable sales and leases into Alabama.

By submitting this bid, the bidder is hereby certifying that they are in full compliance with Act No. 2006-557, they are not barred from bidding or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-116, and acknowledges that the awarding authority may declare the contract void if the certification is false.



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Contractor's E-Verify Clause and Affidavit

Effective immediately, this notice shall be included in all Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or Invitations to Bid to provide labor, supplies, or services for Alabama A&M University pursuant to contracts to be signed on or after January 1, 2012.

E-VERIFY – NOTICE (RFP)

The Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-1 through 31-13-30* (also known as and hereinafter referred to as “the Alabama Immigration Act”) is applicable to contracts with Alabama A&M University (the “University”). As a condition for the award of a contract and as a term and condition of the contract with the University, in accordance with § 31-13-9 (a) of the Alabama Immigration Act, any business entity or employer that employs one or more employees shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and shall attest to such by sworn affidavit signed before a notary. Such business entity or employer shall provide a copy of such affidavit to the University as part of its bid or proposal for the contract along with documentation establishing that the business entity or employer is enrolled in the E-Verify program. The required affidavit form is included at the end of this notice. ***A response to this RFP/Invitation which does not include the required affidavit and proof of E-Verify enrollment will be considered non-conforming and non-responsive. The University at its sole discretion may allow a reasonable period, not to exceed ten (10) business days, for non-conforming bids to be amended to comply with the Alabama Immigration Act. However, the University has no duty to alert any bidder that their response is non-conforming in any aspect.***

At the time of execution of the awarded contract, the contractor will be required to execute another affidavit in substantially the same form. In addition, during the performance of the contract, such contracting business entity or employer shall continue to participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. The contracting business entity or employer shall assure and require that every subcontractor performing under the contract shall also comply with §31-13-9(c), and the contracting business entity or employer shall maintain records that are available upon request by the University, state authorities, or law enforcement to verify its compliance and the compliance of all subcontractors with the requirements of the Alabama Immigration Act. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in breach of contract, termination of the contract or subcontract, and possibly suspension or revocation of business licenses and permits in accordance with §31-13-9 (e) (1) & (2) or in the case of a subcontractor, in accordance with §31-13- 9 (f) (1) & (2).

Section 41-4-116

Taxation on sales and leases of tangible personal property to state agency.

(a) For the purpose of this division, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed by this section:

(1) AFFILIATE. A related party as defined in subsection (b) of Section 40-23-190 as that provision exists on January 1, 2004.

(2) STATE DEPARTMENT or AGENCY. Every state office, department, division, bureau, board, or commission of the State of Alabama.

(b) A state department or agency may not contract for the purchase or lease of tangible personal property from a vendor, contractor, or an affiliate of a vendor or contractor, unless that vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are properly registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama, state, and local sales, use, and lease tax, as provided for by Chapter 12, Article 4, and Chapter 23, Articles 1 and 2 of Title 40 or by any local act or ordinance.

(c) Each vendor, contractor, or affiliate of a vendor or contractor that is offered a contract to do business with a state department or state agency shall be required to certify that the vendor or affiliate is appropriately registered to collect and remit sales, use, and lease tax as required by this section and submit to that state department or agency certification required by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

(d) Every bid submitted and contract executed by the state shall contain a certification by the bidder or contractor that the bidder or contractor is not barred from bidding for or entering into a contract under this section and that the bidder or contractor acknowledges that the contracting state agency may declare the contract void if the certification completed is false.

(e) Each vendor or contractor that sells or leases tangible personal property to a state department or agency, and each affiliate of that vendor or contractor that makes sales for delivery into Alabama, shall be required to collect and remit the Alabama sales, use, or lease tax on all its sales and leases into the state.

(Act 2006-557, p. 1281, §1.)

Proof of Citizenship Demonstration and Declaration

(To be provided with Affidavit Form 1)

In order for an individual, including an individual who is a sole proprietor, a partner in a partnership, a general partner in a limited partnership, a partner in a non-registered limited liability partnership, or a sole member of a single member limited liability company, who is a U.S. Citizen to receive a public benefit or conduct a business transaction with Alabama A&M University, each such citizen must declare his or her U.S. citizenship by executing the declaration at the bottom of this form, and must demonstrate his or her U.S. citizenship by presenting a legible copy of one of the following items.

Note that if the presented item does not include picture identification, please also provide a copy of a valid form of picture identification, and if the presented item does not show the person's current legal name, please also provide a copy of a supporting document to verify the legal name change. Please check which of the listed items has been provided:

- ☒ **Driver's license or non-driver's identification card** (issued by Alabama *or* the division of motor vehicles or the equivalent governmental agency of another state within the United States *if* the agency indicates on the applicant's driver's license or non-driver's identification card that the person has provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship).
- ☐ **Birth certificate**
- ☐ **Pertinent pages of a United States valid or expired passport** (identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport number),
- ☐ **United States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization.** (If only the number of the certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant shall not be awarded any contract until the number of the certificate of naturalization is verified with the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services by the designated City Official, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c)).
- ☐ **Other documents or methods of proof of United States citizenship** (issued by the federal government pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, and amendments thereto).
- ☐ **Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number.**
- ☐ **Consular report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States of America.**
- ☐ **Certificate of citizenship** (issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services).
- ☐ **Certification of report of birth** (issued by the United States Department of State).
- ☐ **American Indian card, with KIC classification,** (issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security).
- ☐ **Final adoption decree** (showing the applicant's name and United States birthplace).
- ☐ **Official United States military record of service** (showing the applicant's place of birth in the United States).
- ☐ **Extract from a United States hospital record of birth** (created at the time of the applicant's birth indicating the applicant's place of birth in the United States).

CITIZENSHIP DECLARATION

Under penalty of perjury, I, Keith Griffin, (print name of undersigned) the undersigned do hereby declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America.

Keith Griffin 3-14-17
(Declarant's Signature and Date)

AFFIDAVIT 2

I, Keith Griffin, a duly authorized officer or agent of Madison County Cooperative (contractor), do execute this affidavit on behalf of Madison County Cooperative (contractor) and by executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535 (*Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9*), stating affirmatively that it does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and that the sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation or other business entity (circle one) which is contracting with Alabama A&M University has registered with and is participating in the federal work authorization program known as "E-verify", web address <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll> operated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service Bureau of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603, in accordance with the applicability provisions of the Alabama Immigration Act.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with Alabama A&M University, that the Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) verification of compliance with *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9* in a form substantially similar to this affidavit. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to Alabama A&M University, at the time the subcontractor is retained to perform such services.

KGR19899

E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification User Identification Number

Madison County Cooperative

Name of Contractor

Keith Griffin

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

General Manager

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Keith Griffin

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE 14th DAY OF March, 2017.

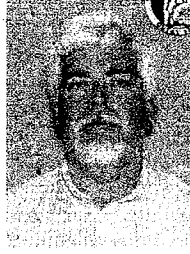
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Notary Public

My commission Expires: 11/09/2020

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Colonel Hugh B. McCall
Director of Public Safety

Vendor Disclosure Statement Information and Instructions

Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000. The disclosure statement is not required for contracts for gas, water, and electric services where no competition exists, or where rates are fixed by law or ordinance. In circumstances where a contract is awarded by competitive bid, the disclosure statement shall be required only from the person receiving the contract and shall be submitted within ten (10) days of the award.

A copy of the disclosure statement shall be filed with the awarding entity and the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts and if it pertains to a state contract, a copy shall be submitted to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee. The address for the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts is as follows: 50 N. Ripley Street, Room 3201, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101. If the disclosure statement is filed with a contract, the awarding entity should include a copy with the contract when it is presented to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee.

The State of Alabama shall not enter into any contract or appropriate any public funds with any person who refuses to provide information required by Act 2001-955.

Pursuant to Act 2001-955, any person who knowingly provides misleading or incorrect information on the disclosure statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Also, the contract or grant shall be voidable by the awarding entity.

Definitions as Provided in Act 2001-955

Family Member of a Public Employee - The spouse or a dependent of the public employee.

Family Member of a Public Official - The spouse, a dependent, an adult child and his or her spouse, a parent, a spouse's parents, a sibling and his or her spouse, of the public official.

Family Relationship - A person has a family relationship with a public official or public employee if the person is a family member of the public official or public employee.

Person - An individual, firm, partnership, association, joint venture, cooperative, or corporation, or any other group or combination acting in concert.

Public Official and Public Employee - These terms shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in Sections 36-25-1(23) and 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, (see below) except for the purposes of the disclosure requirements of this act, the terms shall only include persons in a position to influence the awarding of a grant or contract who are affiliated with the awarding entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these terms shall also include the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the cabinet of the Governor, and members of the Legislature.

Section 36-25-1(23), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public employee as any person employed at the state, county or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations and authorities, but excluding employees of hospitals or other health care corporations including contract employees of those hospitals or other health care corporations, who is paid in whole or in part from state, county, or municipal funds. For purposes of this chapter, a public employee does not include a person employed on a part-time basis whose employment is limited to providing professional services other than lobbying, the compensation for which constitutes less than 50 percent of the part-time employee's income.

Section 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public official as any person elected to public office, whether or not that person has taken office, by the vote of the people at state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations, and any person appointed to a position at the state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations. For purposes of this chapter, a public official includes the chairs and vice-chairs or the equivalent offices of each state political party as defined in Section 17-16-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

Instructions

Complete all lines as indicated. If an item does not apply, denote N/A (not applicable). If you cannot include required information in the space provided, attach additional sheets as necessary.

The form must be signed, dated, and notarized prior to submission.



State of Alabama Disclosure Statement

(Required by Act 2001-955)

ENTITY COMPLETING FORM

Madison County Cooperative

ADDRESS

P.O. Box 68

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Hazel Green, AL 35750

TELEPHONE NUMBER

(256) 828-2010

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES, OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD

Alabama A + M University

ADDRESS

Normal, Alabama 35762

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

(256) 372-5227

This form is provided with:

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Proposal

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Request for Proposal

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Invitation to Bid

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Grant Proposal

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously performed work or provided goods to any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

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Yes

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No

If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department that received the goods or services, the type(s) of goods or services previously provided, and the amount received for the provision of such goods or services.

| STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT | TYPE OF GOODS/SERVICES | AMOUNT RECEIVED |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Alabama A+M</u> | <u>Agricultural Inputs</u> | <u>\$59,730.48</u> |

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously applied and received any grants from any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

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Yes

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No

If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that awarded the grant, the date such grant was awarded, and the amount of the grant.

| STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT | DATE GRANT AWARDED | AMOUNT OF GRANT |
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1. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

| NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE | ADDRESS | STATE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY |
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2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the public officials/public employees and State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

| NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER | ADDRESS | NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE | STATE DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY WHERE EMPLOYED |
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| NA | | | |

If you identified individuals in items one and/or two above, describe in detail below the direct financial benefit to be gained by the public officials, public employees, and/or their family members as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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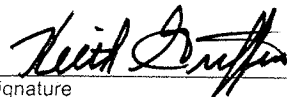
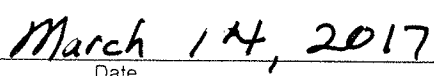
Describe in detail below any indirect financial benefits to be gained by any public official, public employee, and/or family members of the public official or public employee as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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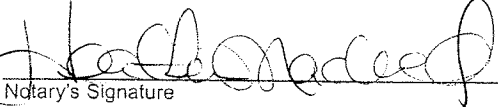
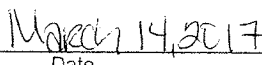
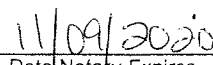
List below the name(s) and address(es) of all paid consultants and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal:

| NAME OF PAID CONSULTANT/LOBBYIST | ADDRESS |
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| NA | |

By signing below, I certify under oath and penalty of perjury that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00, is applied for knowingly providing incorrect or misleading information.

 Signature Date

 Notary's Signature Date Date Notary Expires

Note: In order for an alternate bid to be considered, bidders must supply current catalogs or brochures, including pictorials and specifications.

Please indicate your company classification by circling the appropriate initial: Small Business (SB), a Small Disadvantaged Business (SD), a Black Small Disadvantaged Business (BD), a Woman-Owned Small Business (WB), a Woman-Owned Small Disadvantaged Business (WD), a Black Woman-Owned Small Disadvantaged Business (BW), a Large Business (LB), an Individual (IN), Educational (ED), Non-Profit (NP), a Labor Surplus Area Concern (LS), Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (DV), Veteran-Owned Small Business (VS), Historically Underutilized Business Zone (UZ), or a Governmental Agency (GV).

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| F.O.B. Point | TERMS | WARRANTY |
| AAMU DESTINATION | | |
| ESTIMATED DELIVERY | YOUR REFERENCE NO.* | QUOTATION EFFECTIVE UNTIL |

*Your company reference number, if applicable with this bid quotation.

Certification Pursuant To Act No. 2006-557

Alabama Law (Section 41-4-116, Code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain a certification that the vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama state and local sales, use, and/or lease tax on all taxable sales and leases into Alabama. By submitting this bid, the bidder is hereby certifying that they are in full compliance with Act No. 2006-557, they are not barred from bidding or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-116, and acknowledges that the awarding authority may declare the contract void if the certification is false.

Madison County Cooperative
COMPANY NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

(256) 828-2010
TELEPHONE NUMBER

Keith Griffin
SIGNER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

(256) 828-0367
FAX NUMBER

Keith Griffin
SIGNATURE

March 14, 2017
DATE

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University prohibits the installation of asbestos on its campus. Suppliers and contractors will not supply any equipment, material, or supplies, which contain asbestos without prior written approval.

Failure to designate Bid Number and Opening Date on the outside of your sealed envelope containing your bid and more than one bid submitted in this envelope will result in a "No Bid" response in accordance with Alabama Competitive Bid Law 41-16-24 subpart b.

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University will not accept faxed bids.

Any product that fails to meet the specifications, performance requirements or compatibility requirements will be rejected and returned to the vendor at no cost to the University.

The University reserves the right to award this contract, in whole, in part, or to reject any and all quotations.

Alabama A & M University is an instrumentality of the State and is federal, state and local tax exempt.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Manufacturer's published product data must be included with your bid response for any alternate offerings. Any exception taken to any portion of this Request for Price Quotation must be stated on the bid response sheets or Alabama A&M University will assume compliance with all requirements as stated. The successful bidder will be responsible and accountable for providing those items as specified in its bid response.



Purchasing Department
P. O. Box 1627
Normal, Alabama 35762
(256) 372-5227 Office
(256) 372-5223 Fax

INSTRUCTIONS UNIQUE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

1. The sealed bid package submission deadline is March 24, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST). Bids not received by that time will be ineligible from further consideration. It shall not be sufficient to show that a bid was postmarked by or before the bid submission deadline.
2. There is a short suspense on this Invitation to Bid. The required delivery date (RDD) is March 29, 2017. The very short lead time the Purchasing Department was provided in bidding this ITB coupled with the changing of the seasons and the crops that can be successfully grown in each season make for no flexibility in the required delivery date.

Vendors that can accommodate the terms of this ITB within this short suspense will be deemed responsible. The announcement of the bid award on March 24, 2017 and the placement of a purchase order will initiate the winning Bidding Agency's obligation to fulfill the requirements of the contract all subsequent purchase orders.
3. The unit pricing provided in this ITB is to be valid for a term of 12 months from the bid award date, which will coincide with the bid opening date of March 24, 2017, to March 31, 2018.
4. The soil samples in the bid specifications are required to evaluate quality of products.
5. Please type Invitation to Bid responses directly into the PDF you have been provided. Handwritten responses are accepted but not preferred.
6. This bid is being advertised by AL.com and the Huntsville Times newspaper.



ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
POST OFFICE BOX 1627
303 PATTON HALL
NORMAL, ALABAMA 35762
TELEPHONE: (256) 372-5227

ALL BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED ON THE OPENING DATE DESIGNATED AT ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, PATTON HALL, NORMAL, ALABAMA 35762. BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIME ON THE OPENING DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

REQUEST FOR FORMAL BID

CONTACT

Tim Thornton

PHONE 256 372-5227

DATE

March 15, 2017

BID NUMBER

2K17-T-AG-018

RESPONSE DUE BY

March 24, 2017

2:00 P.M.

WHEN USING FEDEX, UPS, OR ANY EXPRESS PACKAGING/SHIPPING, THE BID NUMBER MUST BE CLEARLY PRINTED ON THE AIR BILL.

VENDOR NO.

N/A

BUYER

Madison County Cooperative
P.O. Box 68, Hazel Green, AL 35750

ALL BIDS MUST BE SIGNED, SEALED, AND RETURNED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE BID NUMBER AND OPENING DATE NOTED ON FRONT. FORWARD ALL BIDS TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED ABOVE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN A BID BEING REJECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALABAMA COMPETITIVE BID LAW 41-16-24 AND RULES.

THE ABOVE BID NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL BIDS AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE

DIRECTIONS: Please insert the unit prices for the items requested for the unit of measure indicated. Please sign and date this form where required.

| Herbicides and Insecticides | | | | |
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| No. | Item | Unit of Issue | Unit of Measure | Unit Price per 1 Gallon OR Each (where applicable) |
| 1 | Round-up (Generic) | per 2.5 Gallon | per gallon | 59.00/2.5 gal |
| 2 | 2, 4-D | per 2.5 Gallon | per gallon | 50.00/2.5 gal |
| 3 | Liberty | per 2.5 Gallon | per gallon | 160.00/2.5 gal |
| 4 | Pasture Guard | per 2.5 Gallon | per gallon | N/A |
| 5 | Milestone | EA | EA | N/A |
| 6 | Chemical spraying per acre | EA | EA | 10.00 |
| 7 | Ability to provide other herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides as needed | | | |

Burndown Corn/Beans
Roundup Power Max
Sharpen, Dexting

| Seeds and Feeds | | | | |
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| No. | Item | Unit of Issue | Unit of Measure | Unit Price per 1 Pound OR Each (where applicable) |
| 1 | Round-up Ready Corn | 50 lbs. Bags | per pound | |
| 2 | Round-up Ready Soybean | 50 lbs. Bags | per pound | |
| 3 | Winter Wheat | 50 lbs. Bags | per pound | |
| 4 | Ky-31 Fescue Seed | 50 lbs. Bags | per pound | 65.00/50 lb |
| 5 | Sorghum Sudangrass Seed | 50 lbs. Bags | per pound | |
| 6 | Trace Mineral Salt | 50 lbs. Bags | per pound | 10.00/Bag |
| 7 | Magnesium Blocks | 50 lbs. Bags | per pound | 17.00 |
| 8 | Salt Blocks | 50 lbs. Bags | per pound | 7.00/Each |
| 9 | All-Purpose Protein Tub | EA | EA | 102.00 |
| 10 | Strings (for Hay) | EA | EA | 35.00/Bushel |

| Fertilizer/Lime | | | | |
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| No. | Item | Unit of Issue | Unit of Measure | Unit Price per 1 Ton OR Each (where applicable) |
| 1 | 34-0-0 | 20 tons | per ton | 400.00 |
| 2 | 34-10-10 (with sulfur) | 20 tons | per ton | 513.00 |
| 3 | 25-12-12 (with sulfur) | 20 tons | per ton | 516.00 |
| 4 | 10-15-45 | 20 tons | per ton | 510.00 |
| 5 | 28-0-0-5 | 20 tons | per ton | 265.00 |
| 6 | 9-23-30 (with sulfur) | 20 tons | per ton | |
| 7 | 34-0-0 (bags) | 2 tons | per ton | 1525/Bag |
| 8 | Ag. Limes | 500 tons | per ton | 30.00 |
| 9 | Soil Samples (samples by 5-acre grid): 120 samples | EA | EA | 7.00/sample |

| Fencing Materials | | | | |
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| No. | Item | Unit of Issue | Unit of Measure | Unit Price per 1 Roll OR Each (where applicable) |
| 1 | 6" X 8" Creosote wooden post | 100 Posts | EA | 22.00/each |
| 2 | 6.5 ft. T-Post | 100 Posts | EA | 5.00/each |
| 3 | Woven Field Fence 12.5 GA. 6" X 47" | 20 Rolls | per roll | 185.00 |
| 4 | 12.5 GA Barb Wire | 20 Rolls | per roll | 50.00/roll |

Barb Wire 435.00/ton
Corn Fert 400.00/ton

Should a purchase order be issued, the foregoing and the terms and conditions on the attached sheets shall be applicable and binding upon the vendor for the duration of the contract. The unit prices provided here are to be honored from the date of bid award March 24, 2017 to March 31, 2018 ("duration of the contract.") I acknowledge that I have signature authority to sign on behalf of the Company and hereby agree to all general conditions of this bid request.

SIGNATURE

Tim Thornton

DATE

3/14/17