

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

# **Mitchell Community College**

# Request for Proposal #: 109-MCC202501

Continuing Education – Joe H. Troutman Building - Window Replacement – Basement Level

Date Issued: October 18, 2024

Proposal Opening Date: November 21, 2024

At 2:00 PM ET

Direct all inquiries concerning this RFP to:

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For internal State agency processing, including tabulation of proposals, provide your company's eVP (Electronic Vendor Portal) Number. Pursuant to G.S. 132-1.10(b) this identification number shall not be released to the public. **This page will be removed and shredded, or otherwise kept confidential**, before the procurement file is made available for public inspection.

This page shall be filled out and returned with your proposal. Failure to do so may subject your proposal to rejection.

Vendor Name

Vendor eVP#

Note: For a contract to be awarded to you, your company (you) must be a North Carolina registered vendor in good standing. You must enter the vendor number assigned through eVP (Electronic Vendor Portal). If you do not have a vendor number, register at <a href="https://vendor.ncgov.com/vendor/login">https://vendor.ncgov.com/vendor/login</a>

*Electronic responses ONLY will be accepted for this solicitation.* 

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Division of Mitchell Community College

Refer <u>ALL</u> Inquiries regarding this RFP to:	Request for Proposal # 109-MCC202501	
Jamila Millsaps	Proposals must be received using the Electronic Vendor Portal (eVP)	
	No later than – 2:00 pm – November 21, 2024	
Using Agency: Mitchell Community College	Commodity No. and Description:	
Requisition No.: N/A	301716;721524 – Windows and Window Replacement	

#### EXECUTION

In compliance with this Request for Proposal (RFP), and subject to all the conditions herein, the undersigned Vendor offers and agrees to furnish and deliver any or all items upon which prices are bid, at the prices set opposite each item within the time specified herein.

By executing this proposal, the undersigned Vendor understands that false certification is a Class I felony and certifies that:

- this proposal is submitted competitively and without collusion (G.S. 143-54),
- that none of its officers, directors, or owners of an unincorporated business entity has been convicted of any violations of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes, the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (G.S. 143-59.2), and it is not an ineligible Vendor as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1.

Furthermore, by executing this proposal, the undersigned certifies to the best of Vendor's knowledge and belief, that:

• it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal or State department or agency.

As required by G.S. 143-48.5, the undersigned Vendor certifies that it, and each of its sub-Contractors for any Contract awarded as a result of this RFP, complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes, including the requirement for each employer with more than 25 employees in North Carolina to verify the work authorization of its employees through the federal E-Verify system.

As required by Executive Order 24 (2017), the undersigned vendor certifies will comply with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and that it does not and will not discriminate, harass, or retaliate against any employee in connection with performance of any Contract arising from this solicitation.

G.S. 133-32 and Executive Order 24 (2009) prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee associated with the preparing plans, specifications, estimates for public Contract; or awarding or administering public Contracts; or inspecting or supervising delivery of the public Contract of any gift from anyone with a Contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of this response to the RFP, the undersigned certifies, for Vendor's entire organization and its employees or agents, that Vendor are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees or agents of Vendor's organization.

By executing this proposal, Vendor certifies that it has read and agreed to the **INSTRUCTION TO VENDORS** and the **NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS incorporated herein**. These documents can be accessed from the ATTACHMENTS page within this document.

# Failure to execute/sign proposal prior to submittal may render proposal invalid and it MAY BE REJECTED. Late proposals cannot be accepted.

COMPLETE/FORMAL NAME OF VENDOR:			
STREET ADDRESS:		P.O. BOX:	ZIP:
CITY & STATE & ZIP:		TELEPHONE NUMBER:	TOLL FREE TEL. NO:
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS ITEM #21):			
PRINT NAME & TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF VENDOR:		FAX NUMBER:	
VENDOR'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE:	E-MAIL:	

#### VALIDITY PERIOD

Offer shall be valid for at least sixty (60) days from date of bid opening, unless otherwise stated here: \_\_\_\_\_ days, or if extended by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. Any withdrawal of this offer shall be made in writing, effective upon receipt by the agency issuing this RFP.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

If your proposal is accepted, all provisions of this RFP, along with the written results of any negotiations, shall constitute the written agreement between the parties ("Contract"). The NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS are incorporated herein and shall apply. Depending upon the Goods or Services being offered, other terms and conditions may apply, as mutually agreed.

FOR STATE USE ONLY: Offer accepted and Contract awarded this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, as indicated

on the attached certification, by \_\_

(Authorized Representative of Mitchell Community College)

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### **1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

Mitchell Community College is seeking proposals for materials and labor to install new Operating Windows and Window Blinds. Existing windows and blinds will need to be removed and disposed of appropriately. The windows and blinds will be located on the Basement Level floor of the Continuing Education – Joe H. Troutman Building. All windows on this floor will need to be replaced. Blinds will also need to be replaced as needed for each window with an existing blind.

Vendor must use Pella windows and SWF Contract Horizontal Blinds for this project.

The location of the facility will be as follows:

Mitchell Community College Continuing Education Building 701 West Front Street Statesville, NC 28677

This location is property of Mitchell Community College and shall be associated with Mitchell Community College. The services provided must start by May 20<sup>th,</sup> 2025 and be completed by July 3<sup>rd,</sup> 2025. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

The intent of this solicitation is to award an Agency Specific Contract.

#### 1.1 CONTRACT TERM

The contract shall have an initial term beginning on May 20<sup>th,</sup> 2025 which will be the contract execution (the "Effective Date") and completion date of no later than July 3<sup>rd,</sup> 2025.

Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP and any addenda issued hereto.

### 2.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

For a contract to be awarded to you, your company (you) must be a North Carolina registered vendor in good standing. You must enter the vendor number assigned through eVP (**Electronic Vendor Portal**). If you do not have a vendor number, register at <a href="https://vendor.ncgov.com/vendor/login">https://vendor.ncgov.com/vendor/login</a>

#### 2.1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

The RFP is comprised of the base RFP document, any attachments, and any addenda released before Contract award, which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### 2.2 E-PROCUREMENT FEE

ATTENTION: The E-Procurement fee may apply to this solicitation. See paragraph entitled ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT of the North Carolina General Terms and Conditions.

General information on the E-Procurement Services can be found at: <u>http://eprocurement.nc.gov/</u>.

#### 2.3 NOTICE TO VENDORS REGARDING RFP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It shall be the Vendor's responsibility to read the Instructions to Vendors, the North Carolina General Terms and Conditions, all relevant exhibits and attachments, and any other components made a part of this RFP and comply with all requirements and specifications herein. Vendors also are responsible for obtaining and complying with all Addenda and other changes that may be issued in connection with this RFP.

If Vendors have questions or issues, regarding any component within this RFP, those must be submitted as questions in accordance with the instructions in the PROPOSAL QUESTIONS Section. If the State determines that any changes will be made as a result of the questions asked, then such decisions will be communicated in the form of an RFP addendum. The State may also elect to leave open the possibility for later negotiation of specific provisions of the Contract that have been addressed during the question-and-answer period, prior to contract award.

Other than through the process of negotiation under 01 NCAC 05B.0503, the State rejects and will not be required to evaluate or consider any additional or modified terms and conditions submitted with Vendor's proposal. This applies to any language appearing in or attached to the document as part of the Vendor's proposal that purports to vary any terms and conditions or Vendors' instructions herein or to render the proposal non-binding or subject to further negotiation. Vendor's proposal shall constitute a firm offer that shall be held open for the period required herein ("Validity Period" above).

The State may exercise its discretion to consider Vendor proposed modifications. By execution and delivery of this RFP Response, the Vendor agrees that any additional or modified terms and conditions, whether submitted purposely or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect, and will be disregarded unless expressly agreed upon through negotiation and incorporated by way of a Best and Final Offer (BAFO). Noncompliance with, or any attempt to alter or delete, this paragraph shall constitute sufficient grounds to reject Vendor's proposal as nonresponsive.

#### 2.4 RFP SCHEDULE

The table below shows the *intended* schedule for this RFP. The State will make every effort to adhere to this schedule.

Event	Responsibility	Date and Time
Issue RFP	State	October 18, 2024
Hold Pre-Proposal Conference/Site Visit	State	November 6, 2024 at 10:00 am
		( Con. Ed J.H.T. Auditorium – Room # 15)
Submit Written Questions	Vendor	November 7, 2024 by 12:00 pm
Provide Responses to Questions	State	November 8, 2024
Submit Electronic Proposals	Vendor	November 21, 2024 by no later than 2:00 PM
Contract Award	State	TBD

#### 2.5 SITE VISIT

Please arrive before 10:00am as you will need to sign in, anyone arriving after 10:00am will not be allowed to attend the site visit. The site visit will be located in the **Continuing Education – Joe H. Troutman Building – Room Number 15 (Auditorium)** located at the Front Street – Statesville Campus.

#### **Mandatory Site Visit**

Date:	11/6/2023
Time:	10:00 AM Eastern Time
Location:	Continuing Education – Joe H. Troutman Building – Auditorium - Room #15
	701 West Front Street
	Statesville, NC 28677
Contact #:	704-880-5547 – Chad Lackey

**Instructions**: It shall be MANDATORY that each Vendor representative be present for a pre-proposal site visit. Attendees must meet promptly. All attendees must sign in upon arrival and clearly indicate each prospective Vendor represented on the sign in sheet. LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SIGN IN, PARTICIPATE IN THE SITE VISIT NOR SHALL THEIR PROPOSAL BE CONSIDERED. Once the sign-in process is complete, all other persons wishing to attend may do so to the extent that space and circumstances allow.

The purpose of this visit is for all prospective Vendors to apprise themselves with the conditions and requirements which will affect the performance of the work called for by this RFP. Vendors shall stay for the duration of the site visit. No allowances will be made for unreported conditions that a prudent Vendor would recognize as affecting the work called for or implied by this RFP.

Vendors are cautioned that any information released to attendees during the site visit, other than that involving the physical aspects of the facility referenced above, and which conflicts with, supersedes, or adds to requirements in this RFP, must be confirmed by written addendum before it can be considered to be a part of this RFP and any resulting contract.

#### **2.6 PROPOSAL QUESTIONS**

Upon review of the RFP documents, Vendors may have questions to clarify or interpret the RFP in order to submit the best proposal possible. To accommodate the Proposal Questions process, Vendors shall submit any such questions by the "Submit Written Questions" date and time provided in the RFP SCHEDULE Section above, unless modified by Addendum.

Written questions shall be e-mailed to *jmillsaps@mitchellcc.edu* by the date and time specified above. Vendors will enter "RFP # 109-MCC202501 Questions" as the subject for the email. Question submittals will include a reference to the applicable RFP section and be submitted in a format shown below:

Reference	Vendor Question
RFP Section, Page Number	Vendor question?

Questions received prior to the submission deadline date, the State's response, and any additional terms deemed necessary by Mitchell Community College will be posted in the form of an addendum to *the electronic Vendor Portal (eVP)*, <u>https://evp.nc.gov</u>, and shall become an Addendum to this RFP. No information, instruction or advice provided orally or informally by any State personnel, whether made in response to a question or otherwise in connection with this RFP, shall be considered authoritative or binding. Vendors shall rely *only* on written material contained in an Addendum to this RFP.

#### 2.7 PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** <u>This is an absolute requirement.</u> Late bids, regardless of cause, will not be opened or considered, and will be automatically disqualified from further consideration. Vendor shall bear the sole risk of late submission due to unintended or unanticipated delay. <u>It is the Vendor's sole responsibility to ensure its proposal has been received as described in this RFP</u> by the specified time and date of opening. The date and time of receipt will be marked on each proposal when received. Any proposal or portion thereof received after the proposal submission deadline will be rejected.

# [eVP]

If applicable to this RFP and using eVP, all proposal responses shall be submitted electronically via the electronic Vendor Portal (eVP). Additional information can be found at the eVP updates for Vendors link:

#### https://eprocurement.nc.gov/news-events/evp-updates-vendors.

If confidential and proprietary information is included in the proposal, also submit one (1) signed, REDACTED copy of the proposal. Such information may include trade secrets defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 66-152 and other information exempted from the Public Records Act pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §132- 1.2. Vendor may designate information, Products, Services or appropriate portions of its response as confidential, consistent with and to the extent permitted under the statutes and rules set forth above. By so redacting any page, or portion of a page, the Vendor warrants that it has formed a good faith opinion, having received such necessary or proper review by counsel and other knowledgeable advisors, that the portions determined to be confidential and proprietary and redacted as such, meet the requirements of the Rules and Statutes set forth above. However, under no circumstances shall price information be designated as confidential.

If the Vendor does not provide a redacted version of the proposal with its proposal submission, the Department may release an unredacted version if a record request is received.

Failure to submit a proposal in strict accordance with these instructions shall constitute sufficient cause to reject a Vendor's proposal(s). Vendors are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to upload proposals.

Critical updated information may be included in Addenda to this RFP. It is important that all Vendors responding on this RFP periodically check the State's eVP website for any Addenda that may be issued prior to the proposal opening date. All Vendors shall be deemed to have read and understood all information in this RFP and all Addenda thereto.

#### 2.8 PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Vendors shall populate all attachments of this RFP that require the Vendor to provide information and include an authorized signature where requested. Failure to provide all required items, or Vendor's submission of incomplete items, may result in the State rejecting Vendor's proposal, in the State's sole discretion.

Vendor RFP responses shall include the following items and attachments, which shall be arranged in the following order:

- a) Cover Letter, which must contain the following: (i) a statement that confirms that the Vendor has read the RFP in its entirety, including all links, and all Addenda released in conjunction with the RFP, (ii) a statement that the Vendor agrees to perform in accordance with the scope of work, requirements, and specifications contained herein; and (iii) Vendor's agreement to comply with all instructions, terms and conditions, and attachments.
- b) Title Page: Include the company name, address, phone number and authorized representative along with the Proposal Number.
- c) Completed and signed version of EXECUTION PAGES, along with the body of the RFP.
- d) Signed receipt pages of any addenda released in conjunction with this RFP, if required to be returned.
- e) Vendor's Proposal addressing all Specifications of this RFP.
- f) Completed version of ATTACHMENT A: PRICING
- g) Completed version of ATTACHMENT D: HUB SUPPLEMENTAL VENDOR INFORMATION
- h) Completed version of ATTACHMENT E: CUSTOMER REFERENCE FORM
- i) Completed and signed version of ATTACHMENT G: CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

#### 2.9 DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND ABBREVIATIONS

Relevant definitions for this RFP are provided in 01 NCAC 05A .0112 and in the Instructions to Vendors found below which are incorporated herein by this reference.

# 3.0 METHOD OF AWARD AND PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS

#### 3.1 METHOD OF AWARD

North Carolina G.S. 143-52 provides a general list of criteria the State shall use to award contracts, as supplemented by the additional criteria herein. The Goods or Services being procured shall dictate the application and order of criteria; however, all award decisions shall be in the State's best interest. All qualified proposals will be evaluated, and awards will be made to the Vendor(s) meeting the specific RFP Specifications and achieving the highest and best final evaluation, based on the criteria described below.

While the intent of this RFP is to award a Contract(s) to a single Vendor for all line items, Mitchell Community College reserves the right to make separate awards to different Vendors for one or more-line items, to not award one or more-line items or to cancel this RFP in its entirety without awarding a Contract, if it is considered to be most advantageous to Mitchell Community College to do so.

Mitchell Community College reserves the right to waive any minor informality or technicality in proposals received.

#### 3.2 CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS DURING EVALUATION

While this RFP is under evaluation, the responding Vendor, including any subcontractors and suppliers, is prohibited from engaging in conversations intended to influence the outcome of the evaluation. See the Paragraph 29 of the Instructions to Vendors entitled COMMUNICATONS BY VENDORS.

Each Vendor submitting a proposal to this RFP, including its employees, agents, subcontractors, suppliers, subsidiaries and affiliates, is prohibited from having any communications with any person inside or outside the using agency; issuing agency; other government agency office or body (including the purchaser named above, any department secretary, agency head, members of the General Assembly and Governor's office); or private entity, if the communication refers to the content of Vendor's proposal or qualifications, the content of another Vendor's proposal, another Vendor's qualifications or ability to perform a resulting contract, and/or the transmittal of any other communication of information that could be reasonably considered to have the effect of directly or indirectly influencing the evaluation of proposals, the award of a contract, or both.

Any Vendor not in compliance with this provision shall be disqualified from evaluation and award. A Vendor's proposal may be disqualified if its subcontractor and/or supplier engage in any of the foregoing communications during the time that the procurement is active (*i.e.*, the issuance date of the procurement until the date of contract award or cancellation of the procurement). Only those discussions, communications or transmittals of information authorized or initiated by the issuing agency for this RFP or inquiries directed to the purchaser named in this RFP regarding requirements of the RFP (prior to proposal submission) or the status of the award (after submission) are excepted from this provision.

#### 3.3 PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS

Only responsive submissions will be evaluated.

#### Mitchell Community College will conduct a One-Step evaluation of Proposals:

Proposals will be received according to the method stated in the Proposal Submittal Section above.

All proposals must be received by the issuing agency not later than the date and time specified in the RFP SCHEDULE Section above, unless modified by Addendum. Vendors are cautioned that this is a request for offers, not an offer or request to contract, and the State reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all offers at any time if such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the State.

At the date and time provided in the RFP SCHEDULE Section above, unless modified by Addendum, the proposal from each responding Vendor will be opened publicly and all offers (except those that have been previously withdrawn, or voided bids) will be tabulated. The tabulation shall be made public at the time it is created. When negotiations after receipt of bids is authorized pursuant to G.S. 143-49 and 01 NCAC 05B.0503, only the names of offerors and the Goods and Services offered shall be tabulated at the time of opening. If negotiation is anticipated, cost and price shall become available for public inspection at the time of the award. Interested parties are cautioned that these costs and their components are subject to further evaluation for completeness and correctness and therefore may not be an exact indicator of a Vendor's pricing position.

At their option, the evaluators may request oral presentations or discussions with any or all Vendors for clarification or to amplify the materials presented in any part of the proposal. Vendors are cautioned, however, that the evaluators are not required to request presentations or other clarification—and often do not. Therefore, all proposals should be complete and reflect the most favorable terms available from the Vendor.

Upon completion of the technical evaluation, the cost proposals of those Vendors whose technical proposals have been deemed acceptable will be publicly opened. The total cost offered by each Vendor will be tabulated and become a matter of public record. Interested parties are cautioned that these costs and their components are subject to further evaluation for completeness and correctness and therefore may not be an exact indicator of a Vendor's pricing position.

If negotiation is anticipated under 01 NCAC 05B.0503, pricing may not be public until award.

At their sole option, the evaluators may request oral presentations or discussions with any or all Vendors for the purpose of clarification or to amplify the materials presented in any part of the proposal. Vendors are cautioned, however, that the evaluators are not required to request presentations or other clarification—and often do not.

Upon completion of the evaluation process, the State will make award(s) based on the evaluation and post the award(s) to *the* electronic Vendor Portal (eVP), <u>https://evp.nc.gov</u>, under the RFP number for this solicitation. Award of a Contract to one Vendor does not mean that the other proposals lacked merit, but that, all factors considered, the selected proposal was deemed most advantageous and represented the best value to the State.

The State reserves the right to negotiate with one or more vendors, or to reject all original offers and negotiate with one or more sources of supply that may be capable of satisfying the requirement, and in either case to require Vendor to submit a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) based on discussions and negotiations with the State.

#### 3.4 EVALUATION CRITERIA

In addition to the general criteria in G.S. 143-52 which may or may not be relevant to this RFP, all qualified proposals will be evaluated, and award made based on considering the following criteria, to result in an award most advantageous to Mitchell Community College:

**EVALUTION METHOD:** Narrative and by consensus of the evaluating committee, explaining the strengths and weaknesses of each proposal and why the recommended awardee(s) provide the best value to the State.

All qualified proposals will be evaluated, and award made based on considering the following criteria listed in descending order of importance, to result in an award most advantageous to the State:

- 1. Vendor Technical Approach Must be able to meet all proposed services needed
- 2. Vendor Qualifications Must be qualified to install equipment as needed
- 3. Vendor Experience Must have done this type of work for 5 or more years
- 4. Pricing Must be the lowest best offer

#### 3.5 INTERPRETATION OF TERMS AND PHRASES

This RFP serves two functions: (1) to advise potential Vendors of the parameters of the solution being sought by Mitchell Community College; and (2) to provide (together with other specified documents) the terms of the Contract resulting from this procurement. The use of phrases such as "shall," "must," and "requirements" are intended to create enforceable contract conditions. In determining whether proposals should be evaluated or rejected, Mitchell Community College will take into consideration the degree to which Vendors have proposed or failed to propose solutions that will satisfy Mitchell Community College needs as described in the RFP. Except as specifically stated in the RFP, no one requirement shall automatically disqualify a Vendor from consideration. However, failure to comply with any single requirement may result in Mitchell Community College exercising its discretion to reject a proposal in its entirety.

## 4.0 **REQUIREMENTS**

This Section lists the requirements related to this RFP. By submitting a proposal, the Vendor agrees to meet all stated requirements in this Section, as well as any other specifications, requirements, and terms and conditions stated in this RFP. If a Vendor is unclear about a requirement or specification, or believes a change in a requirement would allow for Mitchell Community College to receive a better proposal, the Vendor is encouraged to submit these items in the form of a question during the question-and-answer period in accordance with the Proposal Questions Section above.

#### 4.1 PRICING

Proposal price shall constitute the total cost to Mitchell Community College for complete performance in accordance with the requirements and specifications herein, including all applicable charges for handling, transportation, administrative and other similar fees. Complete ATTACHMENT A: PRICING FORM and include in Vendor's proposal.

#### 4.2 TRANSPORTATION AND IDENTIFICATION

The Vendor shall deliver Free-On-Board (FOB) Destination to any requested location within the State of North Carolina with all transportation costs and fees included in the total proposal price.

When an order is placed using a purchase order, the purchase order number shall be shown on all packages and shipping manifests to ensure proper identification and payment of invoices. If an order is placed without using a purchase order, such as via phone, the Buyer's name shall be show on all packages. A complete packing list shall accompany each shipment. Vendors shall not ship any products until they have received an order.

#### 4.3 DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION

The Vendor shall deliver Free-On-Board (FOB) Destination to the following location(s):

Continuing Education – Joe H. Troutman Building

701 West Front Street

Statesville, NC 28677

Delivery shall not be considered to have occurred until installation has been completed. Upon completion of the installation, the Vendor shall remove and properly dispose of all waste and debris from the installation site. The Vendor shall be responsible for leaving the installation area clean and ready to use.

#### 4.4 WARRANTY

Manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply. Vendors shall include a copy of the manufacturer's standard warranty with the proposal response.

#### 4.5 HUB PARTICIPATION

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute G.S. 143-48, it is State policy to encourage and promote the use of small, minority, physically handicapped, and women contractors in purchasing Goods and Services. As such, this RFP will serve to identify those Vendors that are minority owned or have a strategic plan to support the State's Historically Underutilized Business program by meeting or exceeding the goal of 10% utilization of diverse firms as 1st or 2nd tier subcontractors. Vendor shall complete ATTACHMENT D: HUB SUPPLEMENTAL VENDOR INFORMATION.

#### 4.6 VENDOR EXPERIENCE

In its Proposal, Vendor shall demonstrate experience with public and/or private sector clients with similar or greater size and complexity to Mitchell Community College. Vendor shall provide information as to the qualifications and experience of all executive, managerial, legal, and professional personnel to be assigned to this project, including resumes citing experience with similar projects and the responsibilities to be assigned to each person.

#### 4.7 REFERENCES

Vendors shall provide at least three (3) references, using ATTACHMENT E: CUSTOMER REFERENCE FORM, for which your company has supplied the exact model of equipment offered. Mitchell Community College may contact these users to determine quality level of the offered equipment; as well as, but not limited to user satisfaction with Vendor performance. Information obtained *shall* be considered in the evaluation of the proposal.

#### 4.8 VENDOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

If the proposal results in an award, Vendor agrees that it <u>will not</u> enter any agreement with a third party that may abridge any rights of the State under the Contract. If any Services, deliverables, functions, or responsibilities not specifically described in this solicitation are required for Vendor's proper performance, provision and delivery of the Service and deliverables under a resulting Contract, or are an inherent part of or necessary sub-task included within such service, they will be deemed to be implied by and included within the scope of the contract to the same extent and in the same manner as if specifically described in the Contract. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, Vendor will furnish all of its own necessary management, supervision, labor, facilities, furniture, computer and telecommunications equipment, software, supplies and materials necessary for the Vendor to provide and deliver the Services and/or other Deliverables.

#### 4.9 FINANCIAL STABILITY

As a condition of contract award, the Vendor must certify that it has the financial capacity to perform and to continue to perform its obligations under the Contract; that Vendor has no constructive or actual knowledge of an actual or potential legal proceeding being brought against Vendor that could materially adversely affect performance of this Contract; and that entering into this Contract is not prohibited by any contract, or order by any court of competent jurisdiction

Each Vendor shall certify it is financially stable by completing the ATTACHMENT G: CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CONDITION. The State is requiring this certification to minimize potential performance issues from Contracting with a Vendor that is financially unstable. This Certification shall be deemed continuing, and from the date of the Certification to the expiration of the Contract, the Vendor shall notify the State within thirty (30) days of any occurrence or condition that materially alters the truth of any statement made in this Certification.

#### 4.10 AGENCY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS MODIFICATION

[Important: The insurance requirements set forth in the North Carolina General Terms and Conditions, *Insurance* paragraph, are minimal requirements. Below our additional considerations for proper insurance selection.

- 1. Potential for damage to Mitchell Community College property or third parties
- 2. Potential for bodily injury to Mitchell Community College employees or third parties,
- 3. Considerations that could result in harm, bodily injury, or property damage.

A. Default Insurance Coverage from the General Terms and Conditions applicable to this Solicitation:

#### [<mark>Select one</mark>]

□ Small Purchases

- $\Box$  Contract value in excess of the Small Purchase threshold, but up to \$1,000,000.00
- □ Contract value in excess of \$1,000,000.00

# **5.0 PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK**

#### 5.1 GENERAL

Aging windows need to be replaced due to loss of efficiency and limited operations of the windows. Removal of existing windows and blinds located on the 1<sup>st</sup> level of the Joe H. Troutman Building. New windows and blinds to be installed according to factory warranty as needed.

#### Vendor will be responsible for obtaining any permits that may be required for this project.

#### 5.2 SPECIFICATIONS

Mitchell Community College is seeking proposals for materials and labor to install new Double Hung Operating Windows and Blinds. Existing windows and blinds will need to be removed and disposed of appropriately. The windows and blinds will be located on the Basement floor level of the Joe H. Troutman Building. All windows on this floor will need to be replaced. Blinds will also need to be replaced as needed for each window with existing blinds.

All (old) windows/blinds and other debris will need to be disposed of by the vendor while working at the worksite. Vendor will need to supply a dumpster as needed for the project and will be responsible for having dumpster emptied as needed during the project.

All windows will need to be properly installed according to manufacturer recommendations including painting and/or caulking. Vendor will need to provide registered warranty for windows upon completion with a minimum of 10 year manufacturer warranty for all individual windows and 5 year vendor installation warranty.

- Vendor must use Pella Windows and SWF Contract Horizontal Blinds for this project.
- Vendor will be responsible for correct and accurate measurements of each window and blind needed.
- Vendor will be responsible for accurate count of windows needed.
- Windows and Blinds must match existing materials located on the second and first floor of the building.
- Vendor will provide dumpster on site to be used to remove all debris as needed.

The location of the facility is located at the following address:

#### **Mitchell Community College**

#### **Continuing Education Building**

#### 701 West Front Street

#### Statesville, NC 28677

This location is property of Mitchell Community College and shall be associated with Mitchell Community College. The services provided must start by May 20<sup>th,</sup> 2025 and be completed by July 3<sup>rd,</sup> 2025. (**NO EXCEPTIONS**)

# The following is a list of specifications including materials needed for the Continuing Education Building Window/Blind Replacement.

- Complete Window Unit with 10 year manufacturer warranty protection
- 1 light no glass divider
- No limited opening hardware on any units, top and bottom sash will have full travel
- Full Screens
- Vinyl
- White
- Tempered Glass
- White Vinyl Blinds (True White)
- Restroom units to have obscure glazing
- All other units to have clear Low E glazing
- Dumpster for debris
- Labor

#### 5.3 TASKS/DELIVERABLES

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- Vendor will be responsible for accurate count of windows needed.
- Windows and Blinds must match existing materials located on the second and first floor of the building.
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The location of the facility is located at the following address:

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**Continuing Education Building** 

701 West Front Street

Statesville, NC 28677

Project will include windows and blinds and consist of the following:

- Complete Window Unit with 10 year manufacturer warranty protection
- 1 light no glass divider
- No limited opening hardware on any units, top and bottom sash will have full travel
- Full Screens
- Vinyl
- White
- Tempered Glass
- White Vinyl Blinds (True White)
- Restroom units to have obscure glazing
- All other units to have clear Low E glazing
- Dumpster for Debris
- Labor

The windows and blinds that is scheduled to be installed will meet standards as outlined in this Request for Proposal. The winning vendor will be required to perform installation according to factory warranties, so as to not void any warranties associated with materials (goods) being utilized. The winning vendor will also be required to obtain any and all required permits needed to perform the work related to this project.

### 5.4 CERTIFICATION AND SAFETY LABELS

All manufactured items and/or fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving a connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate state inspector which customarily requires the label or re-examination listing or identification marking of the appropriate safety standard organization; such as the American Society of Mechanical

Vendor: \_

Engineers for pressure vessels; the Underwriters Laboratories and /or National Electrical Manufacturers' Association for electrically operated assemblies; or the American Gas Association for gas operated assemblies, where such approvals of listings have been established for the type of device offered and furnished. Further, all items furnished shall meet all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and state and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.

# 6.0 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

All Contract Administration requirements are conditioned on an award resulting from this solicitation. This information is provided for the Vendor's planning purposes.

#### 6.1 CONTRACT MANAGER AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Vendor shall be required to designate and make available to the State a contract manager. The contract manager shall be Mitchell Community College point of contact for Contract related issues and issues concerning performance, progress review, scheduling, and service.

Contract Manager Point of Contact			
Name:			
Office Phone #:			
Mobile Phone #:			
Email:			

#### 6.2 POST AWARD PROJECT REVIEW MEETINGS

The Vendor, at the request of the State, shall be required to meet weekly with Mitchell Community College for Project Review meetings. The purpose of these meetings will be to review project progress reports, discuss Vendor performance, address outstanding issues, review problem resolution, provide direction, evaluate continuous improvement and cost saving ideas, and discuss any other pertinent topics.

### 6.3 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Mitchell Community College encourages the Vendor to identify opportunities to reduce the total cost the State. A continuous improvement effort consisting of various ideas to enhance business efficiencies as performance progresses.

#### 6.4 PERIODIC WEEKLY STATUS REPORTS

The Vendor shall be required to provide Management Reports to the designated Contract Lead on a weekly basis. This report shall include, at a minimum, information concerning, the work accomplished during the reporting period; work to be accomplished during the subsequent reporting period; problems, real or anticipated, and notification of any significant deviation from previously agreed upon work plans and schedules. These reports shall be well organized and easy to read. The Vendor shall submit these reports electronically (by email) using the format required by the Purchasing Agency. The Vendor shall submit the reports in a timely manner and on a regular schedule as agreed by the parties.

Within 15 business days of the award of the Contract the Vendor shall submit a final work plan and a sample report, both to the designated Contract Lead for approval.

#### 6.5 CONTRACT CHANGES

Contract changes, if any, over the life of the Contract shall be implemented by contract amendments agreed to in writing by the State and Vendor.

### 7.0 ATTACHMENTS

# **\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\***

#### **RETURN THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS WITH YOUR RESPONSE**

FOLLOW THE LINKS TO ACCESS EACH ATTACHMENT

Complete and return the Pricing associated with this RFP, in the table below:

### ATTACHMENT A: PRICING – Pricing Table

DESCRIPTION	COST
Materials:	
(Include ALL goods)	
	\$
Labor:	
(Include ALL services)	
	\$
Tax – 6.75% - Iredell County	\$
	Total Cost With Tax Included:
	\$

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#### ATTACHMENT B: INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS

The Instructions to Vendors, which are incorporated herein by this reference, may be found here:

https://ncadmin.nc.gov/formnorth-carolina-instructions-vendors032023/download?attachment

#### ATTACHMENT C: NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

The North Carolina General Terms and Conditions, which are incorporated herein by this reference, may be found here: <a href="https://files.nc.gov/ncdoa/pandc/OnlineForms/Form">https://files.nc.gov/ncdoa/pandc/OnlineForms/Form</a> North-Carolina-General-Terms-and-Conditions 11.2021.pdf

# ATTACHMENT D: HUB SUPPLEMENTAL VENDOR INFORMATION

Complete and return the Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Vendor Information form, which can be found at the following link:

https://files.nc.gov/ncdoa/pandc/OnlineForms/Form\_HUB-Supplemental-Vendor-Information\_9.2021.pdf

#### ATTACHMENT E: CUSTOMER REFERENCE FORM

Complete and return the Customer Reference Form, which can be found at the following link: <u>https://files.nc.gov/ncdoa/pandc/OnlineForms/Form Customer Reference Template 09.2021.pdf</u>

#### ATTACHMENT G: CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

Complete, sign, and return the Certification of Financial Condition, which can be found at the following link: <u>https://files.nc.gov/ncdoa/pandc/OnlineForms/Form\_Certification-of-Financial-Condition\_09.2021.pdf</u>

# \*\*\* Failure to Return the Required Attachments May Eliminate Your Response from Further Consideration \*\*\*