

ADDENDUM NO 1
2025-01
DORTCH ST.

1. Bid Documents to include:

SECTION I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions will bind bidders and conditions herein set forth, except as specifically qualified in special bid and contract terms issued with any individual bid.

1. The following criteria are used in determining low responsible bidder:
 - A. The ability, capacity and skill of bidder to perform required service.
 - B. Whether the bidder can perform service promptly or within specified time.
 - C. The determined character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of bidder.
 - D. The performance of previous contracts with Columbia County or entities similar to Columbia County.
 - E. The suitability of equipment or material for County use.
 - F. The ability of bidder to provide future maintenance.
2. Payment Terms are net thirty (30) unless otherwise specified. Favorable terms, discounts, may be offered and will be considered in determining low bids if they are deemed by Purchasing Department to be advantageous to the County.
3. All bids should be tabulated, totaled and checked for accuracy. Where applicable, the provided unit price will prevail in case of discrepancies or other errors.
4. All requested information shall be included in the envelope. All desired information must be included for your bid to receive full consideration.
5. If anything on the bid request is not clear, you should contact the Purchasing Director immediately.
6. A bidders list is available at the Purchasing Office.
7. Quote all prices F.O.B. our warehouse or as specified in bid documents.
8. Each proposal shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope including Fed Ex, UPS or other delivery service envelopes, as a sealed bid. The name of the item being bid shall be shown on the outside in full.
9. The County shall not be liable for any bid opened prematurely if that bid was not sealed in a properly marked envelope.

10. If only one (1) bid is received, the bid may be rejected and re-advertised or excepted if determined to be in the counties best interest.
11. Bids received late will not be accepted. It is the bidder's sole responsibility to ensure proposals are timely delivered and received before the deadline.
12. Telephone and facsimile bids will not be accepted under any circumstances. Should a timely delivered bid be misplaced by the County but later found before ranking occurs, the bid will be considered. A bidder may request a receipt showing the day and time a bid envelope is delivered to the appropriate office of the County.
13. Bids requiring bid bonds will not be accepted if bond is not enclosed. Cash or certified check will be accepted in lieu of bond except on construction projects except on construction projects with a project budget exceeding \$40,000.
14. Upon request of the Purchasing Office or County Manager, a bidder must provide proof that the bidder has the requisite organization, capital, plant, stock, ability, and experience to perform the contract contemplated by the Request for Proposals/Qualifications or Invitation to Bid.
15. Any alterations, erasures, additions, or omissions of required information or any changes to specifications or bidding schedule are done at the risk of the bidder. Any bid will be rejected that has a substantial variation, that is; a variation that affects price, quantity, and quality or delivery date (when delivery is required by a specific time).
16. When requested, samples will be furnished to the County free of expense, properly marked for identification and accompanied by a list where there is more than one (1) sample. The County reserves the right to mutilate or destroy any sample submitted whenever it may be to the best interest of the County to do so for the purpose of testing.
17. The County will reject any material, supplies or equipment that did not meet the specifications, even though the bidder lists the trade names or names of such material on the bid or price quotation form.
18. The unauthorized use of patented articles is done entirely at the risk of the successful bidder.
19. The ESTIMATED QUANTITY given in the specifications or advertisements is for the purpose of bidding only. The County may purchase more or less than the estimated quantity and the vendor must not assume that such estimated quantity is part of the contract.
20. Only the latest model equipment as evidenced by the manufacture's current published literature will be considered. Obsolete models of equipment not in production will not be acceptable. The equipment shall be composed of new parts and materials. Any unit containing used parts or having seen any service other than the necessary tests will be

rejected. In addition to the equipment specifically called for in the specification, all equipment catalogued by the manufacturer as standard or required by the State of Florida shall be furnished with the equipment. Where required by the State of Florida Motor Vehicle Code, vehicles shall be inspected and bear the latest inspection sticker of the Florida Department of Revenue.

21. The successful bidder on motor vehicle equipment shall be required to furnish with delivery of vehicle, certificate of origin and any other appropriate documentation as required by the Florida Motor Vehicle Department.
22. Prospective bidders are required to examine the location of the proposed work or delivery and determine, in their own way, the difficulties, which are likely to be encountered in the prosecution of the same.
23. All materials, equipment and supplies shall be subject to rigid inspection, under the immediate supervision of the Purchasing Department, its designee and /or the department to which they are delivered. If defective material, equipment, or supplies are discovered, the contractor, upon being instructed by the Purchasing Department or designee, shall remove, or make good such material, equipment, or supplies without extra compensation. It is expressly understood and agreed that the inspection of materials by the County will in no way lessen the responsibility of the Contractor release him from his obligation to perform and deliver to the County Sound and satisfactory materials, equipment, or supplies. The Contractor agrees to pay the costs of all tests upon defective material, equipment, or supplies or allow the costs to be deducted from any monies due him from the County.
24. Unless otherwise specified by the Purchasing Department all materials, supplies, or equipment quoted herein must be delivered within thirty (30) days from the day of notification or exceptions noted on bid sheets.
25. A contract will not be awarded to any corporation, firm, or individual who is, from any cause, in arrears to the County or who has failed in former contracts with the County to perform work satisfactorily, either to the character of the work, the fulfillment or guarantee, or the time consumed in completing the work.
26. Reasonable grounds for supposing that any bidder is interested in more than one proposal for the same item will be considered sufficient cause for rejection of all proposals in which he is interested.
27. Submitting a proposal when the bidder intends to sublet the contract may be a cause for rejection of bids or cancellation of the contract by the County Manager.
28. Unless otherwise specified, the County reserves the right to award each items separately or on a lump sum basis whichever is in the best interest of the County.
29. The County reserves the right to reject any quotations or specifications and the right to

waive minor discrepancies as to all bidders equally, when such rejection or waiver is deemed to be in the best interest of the County. For unit priced items, the County may elect to purchase part, all, or none of the materials, supplies, or equipment specified in a bid.

30. The bidder or the bidder's authorized representative or agent must sign the bid in the space provided. Unsigned bids will be rejected. Signature must be "wet" signatures in ink. Typewritten or printed signatures will not be accepted.
31. Any bidder may withdraw his/her bid at any time before the time set for the opening of the bids.
32. It is mutually understood and agreed that if at any time the Purchasing Department or designee shall be of the opinion that the contract or any part thereof is unnecessarily delayed or that the rate of progress or delivery is unsatisfactory, or that the contractor is willfully violating any of the conditions or covenants of the agreement, or executing the same in bad faith, the Purchasing Department or his/her designee shall have the power to notify the contractor of the nature of the complaint. Notification shall constitute delivery of notice, or letter to address given in the proposal. If after three (3) working days of notification the conditions are not corrected to the satisfaction of the Purchasing Officer, he shall have the power to take whatever action necessary to complete the work or delivery and the expense shall be deducted from any paid by the County out of such monies as may become due to the said contractor. In case such expense shall exceed the last said sum, then and in that event, the bondsman or the contractor, his/her executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, shall pay the amounts of such excess to the County on notice made by the Purchasing Department or his/her designee of the excess due.
33. If the bidder proposes to furnish any item of foreign make or product, he shall write "foreign" together with the name of the originating country opposite such item on a proposal.
34. Any complaint from bidders relative to the invitation to bid or attached specifications shall be made prior to the time of opening bids; otherwise, the bidder waives any such complaint.
35. Contracts may be cancelled by the County with or without cause on thirty- (30) days advance written notice.
36. All contractors submitting bids for road projects in excess of \$250,000 must be pre-qualified with the Florida Department of Transportation and shall provide proof of such qualification.
37. Any bidder affected adversely by an intended decision with respect to the award of any bid, shall file with the Purchasing Department for Columbia County, a written notice of intent to file a protest not later than seventy-two (72) hours (excluding Saturdays,

Sundays and legal holidays), after the posting of the bid tabulation. Protest procedures may be obtained in the Purchasing Department.

38. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor's list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to Columbia County, may not submit a bid on a contract with Columbia County for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to Columbia County, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with Columbia County, and may not transact business with Columbia County for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
39. Vendor/Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of;
 - A. All persons employed by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida; and
 - B. All persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Vendor/Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the County.
40. Contractor shall register on line at <https://www.columbiacountyfla.com/PurchasingBids.asp> for this specific project. All addendums are delivered via email through this website, and it is the contractor's responsibility to ensure all addendums are used in the bid submittal.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1
(Please acknowledge receipt of Addendums)