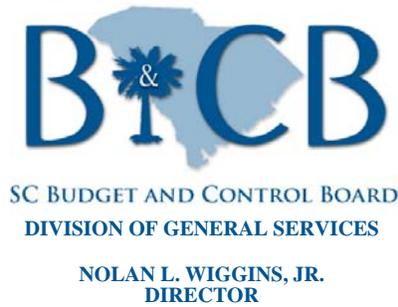


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June 19, 2015

Dear Property Owner or Agent:

The State of South Carolina is seeking office space in Richland County. Attached is a summary of specifications and lease criteria. You are invited to submit a proposal to lease property to the State which may meet the criteria.

All proposals must be received by the Division of General Services, Real Property Services on or before **4:00 PM, July 17, 2015**.

The agency and Real Property Services will determine which proposals best suit the agency's needs. After the deadline, we will review all proposals submitted. Should your proposal be of interest, you will be contacted to schedule a meeting and view the property.

All inquiries regarding this lease solicitation should be directed to Cynthia Young via e-mail at cyoung@gs.sc.gov.

To be eligible to submit a proposal, a property owner or agent must have submitted to Real Property Services a receipt and acknowledgment of S.C. Code of Regulations §19-447.1000. If you have not done so and wish to respond with a proposal, you may download the applicable form from our website at: <http://www.gs.sc.gov/sb-ps/leasing/LS-leaseproced.phtm>.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Young
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REQUEST FOR LEASE PROPOSAL FOR SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS

OFFICE SPACE IN RICHLAND COUNTY

No lease agreement with the State is final without the approval of designated authorities as governed by South Carolina law. The Division of General Services reserves the right to negotiate lease terms with submitting parties until such final approval is granted. State law prohibits any party participating in this solicitation process from making direct contact with the agency seeking space until a final lease has been approved. All correspondence should be directed to the Division of General Services.

Properties selected for site visits will be chosen based on a cost analysis of the submitted proposals, the responsiveness of the proposals to the stated requirements, and the space efficiency of proposed floor plans submitted; therefore, best proposals should be submitted initially.

LEASE CRITERIA – South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness

- Location: Facility should be within walking distance of the State House grounds in Columbia located at 1100 Gervais Street and the South Carolina Department of Education located at 1429 Senate Street
- Expected occupancy date: December 1, 2015
- Total space needed is approximately 9,000 to 10,000 rentable square feet +/- depending on circulation and common area factor. Please include both rentable and usable square feet in proposal include the common area factor (%)
- Ideal set up should include, but is not limited to:
 - 1 private office for director
 - 39 private offices for professional staff
 - Open floor area to accommodate 2 cubicles 8' by 8' in size (Cubicles to be provided by Landlord)
 - 1 large-sized conference room of approximately 300 square feet
 - 1 medium-sized conference room of approximately 150 square feet
 - 2 break room (to include sink and counter tops) to accommodate 5 people at a time
 - 2 copy/fax/printer areas
 - 2 storage areas/rooms of approximately 225 square feet each
 - 2 file rooms of approximately 200 square feet each
 - 1 large reception area, to accommodate up to 6 people at a time
 - 1 small-sized reception area, to accommodate up to 2 people at a time
 - 1 computer room of approximately 80 square feet with separate HVAC system or separate thermostat for temperature control
- Space must be ADA compliant. Landlord is responsible for all costs associated with ADA compliance.
- Cabling must be certified to CAT-6 standards, with all terminations by the Landlord. All internet connections, phone/data connections, electrical and other outlets to be provided by the Landlord throughout the space as specified by Agency.
- 52 parking spaces are required. State availability of reserved parking.
- Parking lot must be paved and lighted.
- After-hour security and access to the building 24 hours a day.
- Term: Please provide proposed rates for 5, 7 or 10 year term.
- Proposals that require reimbursement of tenant improvement costs upon an early termination will not be considered.

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- Proposals should be for a GROSS lease to include all operating expenses, including utilities, janitorial services and supplies, grounds maintenance, repairs, taxes, insurance, general building maintenance, building equipment maintenance, electrical systems maintenance, HVAC maintenance, plumbing maintenance and any other service necessary to maintain and operate all building and site improvements.
- Proposals that require the pass-through of any increases in operating expenses above the amount included in the rent rate are not preferred and may be eliminated from consideration.

MINIMUM STATE REQUIREMENTS

- **Standard State lease must be used – a copy is available on our website at: <http://www.gs.sc.gov/sb-ps/leasing> or can be provided upon request.**
- Property must be barrier free, hazard free and smoke free.
- Property must meet zoning requirements for proposed use.
- Economical and efficient space utilization.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND REMITTANCE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Proposals must be received by the Division of General Services, Real Property Services by **4:00 PM, July 17, 2015.**
- All proposals must be in writing and may be submitted by mail or e-mail. (It is agent's responsibility to ensure receipt).
- Proposals should specify floor usable and rentable square feet (if applicable) and must be calculated according to the ANSI/BOMA-Z65.1-1996 standard.
- Please attach a proposed floor plan.

CONTACT INFORMATION

All information and questions should be directed to the following person – no direct contact can be made with South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness (agency). Direct contact can be cause for automatic disqualification.

RETURN PROPOSALS AND DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO:

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