USDA REQUEST FOR LEASE PROPOSALS NO. 57-37133-23-FA Jacksonville/ NC

Offers due by 10/9/2022

In order to be considered for award, offers conforming to the requirements of the RLP shall be received no later than 05:00 pm EST on the date above. See "Receipt Of Lease Proposals" herein for additional information.

This Request for Lease Proposals ("RLP") sets forth instructions and requirements for proposals for a Lease described in the RLP documents. Proposals conforming to the RLP requirements will be evaluated in accordance with the Basis of Award set forth herein to select an Offeror for award. The Government will award the Lease to the selected Offeror, subject to the conditions herein.

SMALL RLP
GSA TEMPLATE R103 (10/21)

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SECTION 1 - STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS

1.01 GENERAL INFORMATION (SMALL) (AUG 2016)

A. This Request for Lease Proposals (RLP) sets forth instructions and requirements for proposals for a Lease described in the RLP documents. The Government will evaluate proposals conforming to the RLP requirements in accordance with the Basis of Award set forth below to select an Offeror for award. The Government will award the Lease to the selected Offeror, subject to the conditions below.

B. Included in the RLP documents are the GSA Form 3626 (U.S. GOVERNMENT LEASE FOR REAL PROPERTY (Short Form)) which serves as an offer form and lease contract award document, Supplemental Lease Requirements document, GSA Form 3517A (General Clauses), Agency Specific Requirements, USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer Technical Requirements, USDA Signage Requirements, Security Requirements for FSL Level I, GSA Form 12000, Tenant Improvement Cost Summary (TICS) and Shell vs. TI Worksheet, Seismic Forms (if applicable), and FAR 52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

C. The Offeror's executed GSA Form 3626 shall constitute a firm offer. No Lease shall be formed until the Lease Contracting Officer (LCO) executes the GSA Form 3626 and delivers a signed copy to the Offeror.

1.02 AMOUNT AND TYPE OF SPACE AND LEASE TERM (SLAT) (OCT 2020)

A. The Space shall be located in a modern quality Building of sound and substantial construction with a facade of stone, marble, brick, stainless steel, aluminum or other permanent materials in good condition and acceptable to the LCO. If not a new Building, the Space offered shall be in a Building that has undergone, or will complete by occupancy, modernization or adaptive reuse for the Space with modern conveniences.

CITY, STATE	JACKSONVILLE, NC
DELINEATED AREA	N: HWY 258 TO S WILMINGTON ST TO GUM BRANCH ROAD S: US HWY 17 TO US HWY 258 E: GUM BRANCH ROAD TO BELL FORK RD TO US HWY 17 W: US HWY 258
SPACE TYPE(S)	OFFICE
MINIMUM SQ. FT. (ABOA)	2541
MAXIMUM SQ. FT. (ABOA)	2668
MAXIMUM SQ. FT. (RSF)	3050
RESERVED PARKING SPACES (TOTAL)	2
RESERVED PARKING SPACES (GATED)	N/A13
NON-RESERVED PARKING SPACES (TOTAL)	13
INITIAL FULL TERM	20
TERMINATION RIGHTS	120
INITIAL FIRM TERM	5
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	N/A N/A N/A

1.03 NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS) CODE AND SMALL BUSINESS SIZE STANDARD (OCT 2020)

A. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 531120, unless the real property is self-storage (#531130), land (#531190), or residential (#531110).

B. The small business size standard for the applicable NAICS code is found at HTTPS://WWW.SBA.GOV/SIZE STANDARDS.

1.04 UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (OCT 2021)

Unique entity identifier means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See WWW.SAM.GOV for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers. If an offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at www.sam.gov for establishment of the unique entity identifier directly to obtain one.

SECTION 2 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

2.01 PARTIES TO EXECUTE LEASE (APR 2015)

A. If the Lessor is an individual, that individual shall sign the lease. A lease with an individual doing business as a firm shall be signed by that individual, and the signature shall be followed by the individual's typed, stamped, or printed name and the words, "an individual doing business as _____ [insert name of firm]."

B. If the Lessor is a partnership, the lease must be signed in the partnership name, followed by the name of the legally authorized partner signing the same, and a copy of either the partnership agreement or current Certificate of Limited Partnership shall accompany the lease.

C. If the Lessor is a corporation, the lease must be signed in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the officer or other person signing the lease on its behalf, duly attested, and, if requested by the Government, evidence of this authority to so act shall be furnished.

D. If the Lessor is a joint venture, the lease must be signed by each participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this provision for each type of participant. When a corporation is participating in the joint venture, the corporation shall provide evidence that the corporation is authorized to participate in the joint venture.

E. If the lease is executed by an attorney, agent, or trustee on behalf of the Lessor, an authenticated copy of the power of attorney, or other evidence to act on behalf of the Lessor, must accompany the lease.

2.02 FLOOD PLAINS (OCT 2021)

A Lease will not be awarded for any offered Property located within a 100-year floodplain unless the Government has determined that there is no practicable alternative. An Offeror may offer less than its entire site in order to exclude a portion of the site that falls within a floodplain, so long as the portion offered meets all the requirements of this RLP and does not impact the Government's full use and enjoyment of the Premises. If an Offeror intends that the offered Property that will become the Premises for purposes of this Lease will be something other than the entire site as recorded in tax or other property records the Offeror shall clearly demarcate the offered Property on its site plan/map submissions and shall propose an adjustment to property taxes on an appropriate pro rata basis. For such an offer, the Government may determine that the offered Property does not adequately avoid development in a 100-year floodplain.

In addition, a Lease will not be awarded for any offered Property adjacent to 100-year floodplain, where such an adjacency would, as determined by the Government, restrict ingress or egress to the Premises in the event of a flood, unless there is no practicable alternative.

2.03 THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

552.270-1 - INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – ACQUISITION OF LEASEHOLD INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY (JUN 2011) – ALTERNATE II (MAR 1998)

52.215-5 - FACSIMILE PROPOSALS (OCT 1997)

SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY AND PREFERENCES FOR AWARD

3.01 BASIS OF AWARD (OCT 2016)

A. Lowest Price Technically Acceptable Approach. The Lease will be awarded to the responsible Offeror whose offer conforms to the requirements of this RLP and Lease documents and is the lowest priced technically acceptable offer submitted, based on the lowest price per square foot, according to the ANSI/BOMA Z65.1-1996 definition for office area, which means “the area where a tenant normally houses personnel and/or furniture, for which a measurement is to be computed.”

B. Price evaluation will be based on the lowest price per square foot, according to the ANSI/BOMA Z65.1-1996 definition for office area, which means “the area where a tenant normally houses personnel and/or furniture, for which a measurement is to be computed.”

C. If an offer contains terms taking exception to or modifying any Lease provision, the Government will not be under any obligation to award a Lease in response to that offer.

3.02 INTENTIONALLY DELETED [SEISMIC SAFETY – MODERATE SEISMICITY (OCT 2021)]

3.03 INTENTIONALLY DELETED [SEISMIC SAFETY – HIGH SEISMICITY (OCT 2021)]

3.04 HISTORIC PREFERENCE (SMALL) (SEP 2015)

The Government will give preference to offers of Space in Historic Properties and/or Historic Districts in accordance with GSAR 552.270-2 HISTORIC PREFERENCE (SEPT 2004).

3.05 ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT (SMALL) (OCT 2021)

A. The Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) establishes requirements for Government leases relating to energy efficiency standards and potential cost effective energy efficiency and conservation improvements.

B. If the offered Space is not in a Building that has earned the ENERGY STAR® Label within one year prior to the due date for final proposal revisions, Offerors are required to include in their lease proposal an agreement to renovate the Building for all energy efficiency and conservation improvements that it has determined would be cost effective over the Firm Term of the Lease, if any, prior to acceptance of the Space

NOTE: Additional information can be found on HTTPS://WWW.GSA.GOV/REAL-ESTATE/REAL-ESTATE-SERVICES/LEASING-POLICY-PROCEDURES/SUSTAINABILITY-POLICIES-AND-PROCEDURES

C. The term "cost effective" means an improvement that will result in substantial operational cost savings to the landlord by reducing electricity or fossil fuel consumption, water, or other utility costs. The term "operational cost savings" means a reduction in operational costs to the landlord through the application of Building improvements that achieve cost savings over the Firm Term of the Lease sufficient to pay the incremental additional costs of making the Building improvements.

D. Instructions for obtaining an ENERGY STAR® Label are provided at http://www.energystar.gov/eslabel (use “Portfolio Manager” to apply). ENERGY STAR® tools and resources can be found at HTTPS://WWW.ENERGYSTAR.GOV/BUILDINGS/TOOLS-AND-RESOURCES. The ENERGY STAR® Building Upgrade Manual (http://www.energystar.gov/) and Building Upgrade Value Calculator (http://www.energystar.gov/financialevaluation) are tools which can be useful in considering energy efficiency and conservation improvements to Buildings.

E. If the offered Space is not in a Building that has earned the ENERGY STAR® Label within one year prior to the due date for final proposal revisions, the successful Offeror will be excused from performing any agreed-to energy efficiency and conservation renovations if it obtains the Energy Star Label prior to the Government’s acceptance of the Space

A. If no improvements are proposed, the Offeror must demonstrate to the Government using the ENERGY STAR® Online Tools why no energy efficiency and conservation improvements are cost effective. If such explanation is unreasonable, the offer may be rejected.

3.06 INTENTIONALLY DELETED [NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT REQUIREMENTS (SMALL) (OCT 2020)]

3.07 HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: PRICE PREFERENCE AND COMPETITIVE RANGE DETERMINATION (SMALL) (OCT 2017)

A. Should the Government conduct discussions, then, prior to eliminating an Offeror that is a HUBZone small business concern (SBC) and which has not waived its entitlement to a price evaluation preference from the competitive range, the LCO shall adjust the evaluated prices of all non-small business Offerors proposed for inclusion in the competitive range by increasing the prices by

ten (10) percent, solely for the purpose of determining whether the HUBZone SBC Offeror should be included or excluded from the competitive range. Offerors who are not included in the competitive range will be notified in writing.

B. If after completion of the Price Evaluation, award is proposed to a non-small business Offeror, and there exists as part of the procurement another technically acceptable proposal submitted by a responsible Offeror that is a qualified HUBZone small business concern (SBC) which has not waived its entitlement to a price evaluation preference, the evaluated price of the non-small business Offeror's proposal shall be increased by ten (10) percent, solely for the purpose of determining whether award should be made to the HUBZone SBC Offeror. In such a case, the proposals of the apparently successful non-small business Offeror and the HUBZone SBC Offeror shall be considered in light of the applied price preference, and award made to the lower priced offer. The LCO shall document his/her application of the price preference and further consideration of the offers under this subparagraph.

3.08 HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS (SMALL) (SEP 2015)

HUBZone small business concern (SBC) Offeror may elect to waive the price evaluation preference provided in the “HUBZone Small Business Concern: Price Preference and Competitive Range Determination” paragraph. In such a case, no price evaluation preference shall apply to the evaluation of the HUBZone SBC, and the performance of work requirements set forth in Section 1 of the Lease shall not be applicable should the HUBZone SBC be awarded the Lease. A HUBZone SBC Offeror acknowledges that a prospective HUBZone SBC awardee must be a qualified HUBZone SBC at the time of award of this contract in order to be eligible for the price evaluation preference. The HUBZone SBC Offeror shall provide the LCO a copy of the notice required by 13 CFR 126.501 if material changes occur before contract award that could affect its HUBZone eligibility. If it is determined, prior to award, that the apparently successful HUBZone SBC Offeror is not an eligible HUBZone SBC, the LCO will reevaluate proposals without regard to any price preference provided for the previously identified HUBZone SBC Offeror, and make an award consistent with the solicitation and the evaluation factors set forth herein.

SECTION 4 - HOW TO OFFER

4.01 RECEIPT OF LEASE PROPOSALS (SMALL) (OCT 2021)

A. Offeror is authorized to transmit its lease proposal as an attachment to an email. Offeror's email shall include the name, address and telephone number of the Offeror, and identify the name and title of the individual signing on behalf of the Offeror. Offeror's signed Lease proposal must be saved in a generally accessible format (such as portable document format (pdf)), which displays a visible image of all original document signatures, and must be transmitted as an attachment to the email. Only emails transmitted to, and received at, the USDA email address identified in the RLP will be accepted. Offeror submitting a Lease proposal by email shall retain in its possession, and make available upon USDA's request, its original signed proposal.

B. In order to be considered for award, offers conforming to the requirements of the RLP shall be received no later than 17:00 EST on the date specified below at the following designated email address:

Date:	10/9/2022
LCO Email Address:	david.mcpadden@usda.gov
Realty Specialist Email Address:	n/a

C. INTENTIONALLY DELETED.

D. Offers transmitted through email shall be deemed late if received at the designated email address after the date and time established for receipt of offers unless it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one Working Day prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals.

E. Offers may be also deemed timely if there is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of proposals and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of proposals; or if it was the only proposal received.

B. There will be no public opening of offers, and all offers will be confidential until the Lease has been awarded. However, the Government may release proposals outside the Government such as to support contractors to assist in the evaluation of offers. Such Government contractors shall be required to protect the data from unauthorized disclosure.

C. Due to COVID-19 pandemic conditions, an on-site physical tour of the offered Property may not be practical. At the LCO's discretion, additional Offer submittals may be requested to include pictures, video(s), and/or a building representative conducting a walkthrough with a virtual or online meeting option provided by USDA. In these instances, additional guidance will be more particularly set forth by the LCO.

4.02 PROPOSAL CONTENTS FOR SMALL LEASES (OCT 2020)

The proposal shall consist of the following documents:

DOCUMENT NAME OR DESCRIPTION
U.S. Government Lease For Real Property (Short Form) (GSA Form 3626), completed and signed by Offeror
Initialed Supplemental Lease Requirements
Initialed GSA Form 3517A (General Clauses)
Initialed Agency Specific Requirements, Dated **X**, initialed by Offeror
Initialed USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer Technical Requirements
Initialed USDA Signage Requirements
Security Requirements Level I, initialed by Offeror
Fire Protection and Life Safety information and documents (See applicable Fire Protection and Life Safety paragraphs)
Auto CAD or scaled floor plans delineating the Premises proposed by the Offeror
GSA Form 1217, Lessor's Annual Cost Statement
Tenant Improvement Cost Summary (TICS) and Initialed Shell vs. TI Worksheet
Seismic Form(s)
Historic Property information and documentation, if applicable, per the Historic Preference paragraph
Registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to the Lease Award Date, including completion of all required representations and certifications. This registration service is free of charge.
EISA compliance information (See applicable Energy Independence and Security Act paragraphs)
Evidence of ownership or control of Building or site, including a copy of the Property deed
Authorization from the ownership entity to submit an offer on the ownership entity's behalf, if the offeror is not the owner of the Property
Proof of signing authority (see GSA Form 3516A, Solicitation Provisions)
Small Business Subcontracting Plan, if applicable
FAR 52.204-24, Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (AUG 2020)

4.03 FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY SUBMITTALS (SMALL) (OCT 2020)

A. The Offeror must submit the Fire Protection and Life Safety (FPLS) Submittal Information in A.1 through A.5, unless the Building meets either exemption in sub-paragraph B or C below.

1. Completed GSA Form 12000, Prelease Fire Protection and Life Safety Evaluation for an Office Building (Part A or Part B, as applicable).

2. A copy of the previous year's fire alarm system maintenance record showing compliance with the requirements in NFPA 72 (if a system is installed in the Building).

3. A copy of the previous year's automatic fire sprinkler system maintenance record showing compliance with the requirements in NFPA 25 (if a system is installed in the Building).

4. Computer generated plans set to 1/8" = 1'-0" (preferred). Plans submitted for consideration shall include floor plan(s) for which Space is being offered and floor plan(s) of the floor(s) of exit discharge (e.g., street level(s)). Each plan submitted shall include the locations of all exit stairs, elevators, and the Space(s) being offered to the Government. In addition, where Building exit stairs are interrupted or discontinued before the level of exit discharge, additional floor plans for the level(s) where exit stairs are interrupted or discontinued must also be provided.

5. A valid Building Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) issued by the local jurisdiction. If the Building C of O is not available or the local jurisdiction does not issue a Building C of O, provide a report prepared by a licensed fire protection engineer with their assessment of the Building regarding compliance with all applicable local Fire Protection and Life Safety-related codes and ordinances.

B. If the Space offered is 10,000 RSF or less in area and is located on the 1st floor of the Building, Offeror is not required to submit to USDA the Fire Protection and Life Safety (FPLS) Submittal Information listed in A.1 through A.5 above.

C. If the Offeror provides a Building C of O obtained under any edition of the International Building Code (IBC), and the offered Space meets or will meet all the requirements of the Lease with regard to Means of Egress, Automatic Fire Sprinkler System, and Fire Alarm System prior to occupancy, then Offeror is not required to submit to USDA the FPLS Submittal Information in A.1 through A.5 above.

4.04 EISA SUBMITTALS (SMALL) (SEP 2015)

No later than the due date for final proposal revisions, the Offeror must submit to the LCO:

1. Evidence of an Energy Star® label obtained within the 12 months prior to the due date of final proposal revisions, or

2. If the offered existing building will not have an ENERGY STAR® label by the date of final proposal revisions, a written statement addressing which energy efficiency and conservation improvements (can be made to the building must be submitted. If no cost-effective improvements can be made, the Offeror must demonstrate to the Government using the ENERGY STAR® Online Tools why no energy efficiency and conservation improvements are cost effective. This explanation will be subject to review by the LCO. If the explanation is considered unreasonable, the offer may be considered technically unacceptable.

4.05 MODIFIED RLP PARAGRAPHS

1.01 GENERAL INFORMATION (SMALL) (AUG 2016)

3.05 ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT (SMALL) (OCT 2021)

3.06 NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT REQUIREMENTS (SMALL) (OCT 2020)