

SUBMIT BIDS TO:	CITY OF TUSCALOOSA P.O. BOX 2089 TUSCALOOSA, AL 35403	PURCHASING OFFICE 2201 UNIV. BLVD. TUSCALOOSA, AL 35401	INVITATION TO BID CITY OF TUSCALOOSA										
BID TITLE FOLDING CHAIRS WITH ARMRESTS		BID NO. 4060-0921161											
PAGE 1 OF 6 PAGES	BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 IN THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, 2201 UNIVERSITY BLVD. TUSCALOOSA, AL 35401 AND MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SUCH DATE & TIME.		ISSUE DATE 09/06/2016										
 <p style="text-align: center;">MAYOR WALTER MADDOX</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNCIL MEMBERS</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>PHYLLIS W. ODOM</td> <td>MATTHEW CALDERONE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HARRISON TAYLOR</td> <td>KIP TYNER</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CYNTHIA LEE ALMOND</td> <td>EDDIE PUGH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SONYA McKINSTRY</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>CITY CLERK TONY MEGGS</td> <td>PURCHASING AGENT DAVID COGGINS</td> </tr> </table>		PHYLLIS W. ODOM	MATTHEW CALDERONE	HARRISON TAYLOR	KIP TYNER	CYNTHIA LEE ALMOND	EDDIE PUGH	SONYA McKINSTRY		CITY CLERK TONY MEGGS	PURCHASING AGENT DAVID COGGINS	Vendor Information (SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR) <hr/> Company Name (Please Print) <hr/> Phone Number Fax Number <hr/> Email Address	
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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF INVITATIONS TO BID

1. **PREPARATION OF BIDS**
Bids will be prepared in accordance with the following:
 - (a) Our enclosed Bid Proposal Form is to be used in submitting your bid.
 - (b) All information required by the Bid form shall be furnished. The bidder shall print or type his name and manually sign the schedule and each continuation sheet on which any entry is made.
 - (c) Unit prices shall be shown and where there is an error in extension of price, the unit price shall govern.
 - (d) Proposed delivery time must be shown and shall include Sundays and holidays.
 - (e) Bidder will not include federal taxes nor State of Alabama sales, excise, and use taxes in bid prices as the City is exempt from payment of such taxes. An exemption certificate will be signed where applicable upon request.
 - (f) Bidders shall thoroughly examine the drawings, specifications, schedule, instructions and all other contract documents.
 - (g) Bidders shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding plant and facilities for delivery of material and equipment as required by the bid conditions. No plea of ignorance by the bidder of conditions that exist or that may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the part of the bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations, or failure to fulfill in every detail the requirements of the contract documents, will be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the City or the compensation to the vendor.
 - (h) Bidders are advised that all City Contracts are subject to all legal requirements provided for in the Purchasing ordinance and/or State and Federal Statutes.

2. **DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES**
 - (a) Any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand name, or catalog numbers used in specifications are for the purpose of describing and establishing general quality levels. SUCH REFERENCES ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE RESTRICTIVE. Bids will be considered for any brand which meets the quality of the specifications listed for any items.
 - (b) Bidders are required to state exactly what they intend to furnish, otherwise they shall be required to furnish the items as specified.
 - (c) Bidders will submit, with their proposal, data necessary to evaluate and determine the quality of the item(s) they are bidding.

3. **SUBMISSION OF BIDS**
 - (a) Bids and changes thereto shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed to David Coggins, Purchasing Agent, 2201 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The name and address of the bidder, the date and hour of the bid opening and the material or service bid on shall be placed on the outside of the envelope.
 - (b) Bids must be submitted on the forms furnished. Telegraphic bids will not be considered.

4. **REJECTION OF BIDS**
 - (a) The City may reject a bid if:
 1. The bidder misstates or conceals any material fact in the bid, or if,
 2. The bid does not strictly conform to the law or requirement of bid, or if,
 3. The bid is conditional, except that the bidder may qualify his bid for acceptance by the City on an "all or none" basis, or a "low item" basis. An "all or none" basis bid must include all items upon which bids are invited.
 - (b) The City may, however, reject all bids whenever it is deemed in the best interest of the City. The City may also waive any minor informalities or irregularities in any bid.

5. **WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**
 - (a) Bids may not be withdrawn after the time set for the bid opening for a period of time as specified.
 - (b) Bids may be withdrawn prior to the time set for the bid opening.

6. LATE BIDS OR MODIFICATIONS

- (a) Bids and modifications received after the time set for the bid opening will not be considered.
- (b) Modifications in writing received prior to the time set for the bid opening will be accepted.

7. CLARIFICATIONS OR OBJECTION TO BID SPECIFICATIONS

If any person contemplating submitting a bid for this contract is in doubt as to the true meaning of the specifications or other bid documents of any part thereof, he may submit to the Purchasing Agent on or before five (5) days prior to scheduled opening a request for clarification. All such requests for information shall be made in writing and the person submitting the request will be responsible for its prompt delivery. Any objection to the specifications and requirements as set forth in this bid must be filed in writing with the Purchasing Agent on or before five (5) days prior to scheduled opening.

8. DISCOUNTS

- (a) Bidders may offer a cash discount for prompt payment; however, such discounts shall NOT be considered in determining the lowest net cost for bid evaluation purposes. Bidders are encouraged to reflect cash discounts in the unit prices quoted.
- (b) In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from the date of receipt of supplies or services or from the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed to be made on the date of mailing of the check.

9. SAMPLES

Samples, when required, must be submitted within the time specified at no expense to the City of Tuscaloosa. If not destroyed or used up during testing, samples will be returned upon request at the bidder's expense, unless stated otherwise in Special Conditions or Specifications. Each individual sample must be labeled with bidder's name and manufacturer's brand name and number.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT

- (a) The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder based upon the following factors: quality; conformity with specifications; purpose for which required; terms of delivery; transportation charges; dates of delivery.
- (b) The city reserves the right to accept and award item by item, and/or by group, or in the aggregate, unless the bidder qualifies his bid by specified limitations. Re Par.4(a)3.
- (c) If two or more bids received are for the same total amount or unit price, quality and service being equal, the contract shall be awarded to a local bidder.
- (d) Prices quoted must be FOB Tuscaloosa with all transportation charges prepaid unless otherwise specified in the Invitation to Bid.
- (e) A written award of acceptance (Purchase Order), mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful bidder shall result in a binding contract.

11. DELIVERY

- (a) Deliveries are to be FOB Destination unless otherwise specified in the Invitation to Bids.
- (b) Deliveries are to be made during regular business hours.

12. CONDITION OF MATERIALS AND PACKAGING

All items furnished must be new and free from defects. No others will be accepted under the terms and intent of this bid. All containers shall be new and suitable for storage or shipment, and price bid shall include standard commercial packaging.

13. CLAIMS

Successful bidder(s) will be responsible for making any and all claims against carriers for missing or damaged items.

14. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Bidders shall comply with all local, state, and federal directives, orders and laws as applicable to this bid and subsequent contract(s).

15. PROVISION FOR OTHER AGENCIES

Unless otherwise stipulated by the bidder, the bidder agrees when submitting his bid to make available to all City agencies, departments, and in-city municipalities the bid prices he submits, in accordance with the bid terms and conditions, should any said department, agency, or municipality wish to buy under this proposal.

16. COLLUSION

The bidder, by affixing his signature to this proposal, agrees to the following: "Bidder certifies that his bid is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm, or corporation making a bid for the same items and is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action".

17. VARIANCE IN CONDITIONS

Any and all special conditions and specifications attached hereto which vary from General Conditions shall have precedence.

18. MINORITY / DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The City of Tuscaloosa has voluntarily adopted a Minority / Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("MBE/DBE/WBE") Program called Tuscaloosa Builds, which is designed to encourage the participation and development of minority and disadvantaged business enterprises and to promote equal business opportunities to the fullest extent allowed by state and federal law. To learn more about this program, visit <http://www.tuscaloosarecovery.com/blog/category/tuscaloosa-builds/>.

** PRELIMINARY BID TAB WILL BE POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE ONCE AVAILABLE.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The General Conditions of Invitations to Bid and any Special Conditions stated shall be considered as part of the specifications of the bid.

Reference to brand names and numbers is descriptive, but not restrictive, unless otherwise specified. Bids on equivalent items meeting the standards of quality thereby indicated will be considered, providing the bid clearly describes the article offered and indicates how it differs from the referenced brands. Descriptive literature and manufacturer's specifications plus any supplemental information necessary for comparison purposes must be submitted with the bid or the bid on that item will be rejected. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid or on file with the Division of Purchasing will not satisfy this requirement.

The burden is on the bidder to demonstrate that the item bid is equivalent to the item specified in the ITB. Any exceptions taken to any item(s) must be fully explained in written detail on bidders' letterhead and attached to the bid when submitted.

Awards shall be made or contracts entered into with the lowest responsible bidder(s) meeting all specifications and terms and conditions established by the Division of Purchasing. The Division of Purchasing reserves the right to determine the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of an individual item or group of items. Delivery dates may be a factor in awards.

The issuance of a City of Tuscaloosa Purchase Order or Purchasing Card is required to constitute a contract between the vendor and the City of Tuscaloosa, which shall bind the vendor to furnish and deliver the commodities and/or services ordered at the prices, terms, and conditions quoted.

Questions concerning the bid process should be directed to David Coggins at (205) 248-5186 or dcoggins@tuscaloosa.com (e-mail is preferred). Questions concerning Specifications should be directed to Jesse Mizzell at (205) 248-5281.

Any addendums issued for this bid will be posted on the City Of Tuscaloosa website at <http://www.tuscaloosa.com/e-services/bids>. It is the responsibility of the bidder to check this page for any addendums before submitting their bid.

The City Of Tuscaloosa reserves the right to purchase additional quantities at the awarded bid price for a period of one year from the date of purchase order issuance.

Vendor to submit the following:

- Signed Special Conditions page (page 3)
- Signed and completed Minimum Specifications page (page 4)
- Any necessary descriptive literature and/or specifications information as outlined above and/or elsewhere in this document
- Completed and signed Bidder's Response Form (page 5)

NOTE: Sheet(s) submitted without Company Name & Signature WILL NOT be considered for bid award.

Bid submissions shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed to: David Coggins, Purchasing Agent, 2201 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The name and address of the bidder, the date and hour of the bid opening and the Bid Title shall be placed on the outside of the envelope.

VENDOR MUST SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL BID AND ONE COMPLETE COPY OR THE BID MAY BE REJECTED.

MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR FOLDING CHAIRS WITH ARMRESTS

Bids submitted that do not meet all of these minimum specifications, or equal to, are subject to bid rejection. Bidders stating equal to must provide documentation to support their statement. Fill in all blanks with: a “**YES**” if meeting or exceeding the numbered specification(s) or a “**NO**” if exception(s) is taken to the numbered item. **A checkmark will not suffice.** This form must be correctly completed and returned in order to constitute a valid bid. Failure to do this will subject your bid to rejection. **ALL NO ANSWERS MUST BE FULLY EXPLAINED ON BIDDER’S LETTERHEAD.**

- _____ 1. **Chair General Description:** Chairs are intended to be placed loosely in a non-ganged configuration within a defined space. Chair shall have permanent folding arms with cup holders. Chair shall have an open (in use) approximate footprint of up to 24” wide by up to 23” deep. The height of the overall chair when open shall be approximately 34”. Seat mechanism is not required to be a flip-up style while chair is open. Chair weight shall be no greater than 25 lbs.
- _____ 2. **Ganging:** Chairs are not required to have an attached ganging device option, but are an acceptable type if the chair submitted for bid does allow for a ganging option.
- _____ 3. **Height:** Chair seat height shall be no less than 18” from the ground surface and no more than 19.5” from the ground surface.
- _____ 4. **Chair Frame:** The main frame of the chair shall be composed of galvanized steel, having a thickness of not less than 18 gauge. Chair shall have a front leg “K” brace with cross-brace, heavy duty metal linking brackets not less than 11 gauge, and non-marking metal foot inserts.
- _____ 5. **Chair Seat and Seat Back:** The back cushion shall be no less than 1” thick. The back cushion shall be attached to the back support by means of tamper-proof screws and upholstery staples, creating a tamper-proof assembly. No wood screws shall be used. The seat cushion shall be enclosed in a rolled metal angle covering the top edge of the seat. This seat frame design will prevent the cushion from slipping from its mounted position and protect the upholstery work. Both cushions shall be attached in such a manner that allows for the replacement of the chair back. The seat cushion shall be no less than 2.5-3” thick. The desired fabric cover shall be standard marine grade non-porous vinyl. Material specifications for the standard grade marine vinyl shall be included with bid submission.
- _____ 6. **Replacement Parts:** Availability of replacement parts will be considered as part of the bid evaluation process. Bidders shall include replacement parts list with pricing information.
- _____ 7. **Chair Arm Rests:** Chair shall have two armrests. Right-hand arm rest shall include a cup holder.
- _____ 8. **Frame Finish:** All metal surfaces shall be cleaned before paint is applied. Finish materials shall be electrostatically applied, powder coat or similar, and be UV formulated for outdoor use.
- _____ 9. **Color:** Color of the frame and fabric shall be a matching, standard, non-custom color of Dark Green.
- _____ 10. **Warranty:** Chairs shall be warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use, service, and handling. Manufacturer’s warranty shall be submitted for owner’s acceptance upon delivery, and manufacturer’s warranty documents shall be executed by an authorized company official. Warranty information shall be included with bid submission.
- _____ 11. **Manufacturer’s Literature:** Bidders shall include complete manufacturer’s literature with detailed specifications and product information with their bid.

BIDDER'S RESPONSE FORM

MESSAGE TO BIDDERS: Please review your bid documents for accuracy, completeness, required documentation, and necessary signatures before submitting. Please label the outer mailing/shipping package with the bid information as directed.

Bid submissions shall be inclusive of all shipping, handling, and any other charges. No additional charges or fees shall apply. Delivery shall be F.O.B. Destination with delivery to the Tuscaloosa Amphitheater.

MAKE/MODEL/BRAND: _____

UNIT PRICE EACH: _____ **X QTY: 250 = TOTAL BID:** _____

DELIVERY TIME: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

COPIES SUBMITTED:

_____ **VENDOR MUST SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL BID AND ONE COMPLETE COPY OR THE BID MAY BE REJECTED.**

NOTE: BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AFFIRM, FOR THE DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT, THAT THEY WILL NOT VIOLATE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW OR KNOWINGLY EMPLOY, HIRE FOR EMPLOYMENT, OR CONTINUE TO EMPLOY AN UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WITHIN THE STATE OF ALABAMA. FURTHERMORE, A CONTRACTING PARTY FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION SHALL BE DEEMED IN BREACH OF THE AGREEMENT AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DAMAGES RESULTING THEREFROM.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE ALL OF THE ABOVE WITH AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE MAY SUBJECT BID TO REJECTION.

NON-BIDDER RESPONSE FORM

For purposes of maintaining accurate bidder's list and facilitating your firm's response to our invitation for bid, the City of Tuscaloosa is interested in ascertaining reasons for prospective bidders' failure to respond to invitations for bids. If your firm is not responding to this bid, please indicate the reason(s) by checking any appropriate item(s) below and returning this form to Mr. David Coggins, Purchasing Agent, 2201 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401. Failure to either submit a bid proposal or return this form may result in removal of your firm's name from our bidder's lists. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are not responding to this invitation for bid for the following reason(s):

___ Items or materials request not manufactured by us or not available to our company.

___ Our items or materials do not meet specifications.

___ Specifications not clearly understood or applicable (too vague, too rigid, etc.)

___ Quantities requested are too small.

___ Insufficient time allowed for preparation of bid.

___ Incorrect address used. Correct mailing address is:

___ Our branch/division handles this type of bid. Correct name and mailing address is:

___ Other reason(s): _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Signature: _____