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UK-1962-19
Proposal Due Date – 05/31/19

Vending Services
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

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Issue Date: May 10, 2019
Title: Vending Services
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1.0 DEFINITIONS

The term "addenda" means written or graphic instructions issued by the University of Kentucky prior to the receipt of proposals that modify or interpret the RFP documents by additions, deletions, clarifications and/or corrections.

The term "competitive negotiations" means the method authorized in the Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 45A.085.

The terms "offer" or "proposal" mean the offeror's/offerors' response to this RFP.

The term "offeror" means the entity or contractor group submitting the proposal.

The term "contractor" means the entity receiving a contract award.

The term "purchasing agency" means the University of Kentucky, Purchasing Division, Room 322 Peterson Service Building, Lexington, KY 40506-0005.

The term "purchasing official" means the University of Kentucky’s appointed contracting representative.

The term "responsible offeror" means a person, company or corporation that has the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an offeror is responsible, the University may evaluate various factors including (but not limited to): financial resources; experience; organization; technical qualifications; available resources; record of performance; integrity; judgment; ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the contract; adversarial relationship between the offeror and the University that is so serious and compelling that it may negatively impact the work performed under this RFP; or any other cause determined to be so serious and compelling as to affect the responsibility of the offeror.

The term "solicitation" means RFP.

The term "University" means University of Kentucky.
2.0 GENERAL OVERVIEW

2.1 Intent and Scope

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is being issued by the University of Kentucky to obtain proposals from qualified, experienced, financially sound, and responsible firms to establish a contract for a Vending Service Program that will include operation, delivery of products, cleaning and maintenance of snack vending machines, coin changers and all related equipment at specified locations across campus. The University seeks a win-win, synergistic relationship that promotes both the University and the successful offeror's products. The successful offeror shall provide high quality snack vending machines, give prompt and professional operation and maintenance of those machines, and offer prices that are competitive with local vendors in the Lexington, Kentucky area. The successful offeror will be required to service and replace these on an as needed basis as well as provide equipment upgrades (i.e. labels, front facing, dollar bill validators, credit card readers, etc.) at no cost to the University. Replacement machines must be new or like new and be equivalent or better than the ones currently in use, energy efficient.. (See Section 7.0 for further details). All vending machines need to conform to revised ADA regulations implementing Title II and Title III, specifically the new regulations on side reach requirements. The successful offeror will be required install or remove and maintain any additional equipment that is required to meet the needs of the University for this program. This would include new buildings on campus.

Proposals should support existing operations and describe opportunities and strategies to modify and/or improve existing distribution or operations. The University is specifically requesting recommendations on how to maximize revenue, promote and increase market share and provide exceptional service to the University community. It is the University's intent to award a single contract; however we reserve the right to award multiple contracts if it's determined to be in the best interest of the University. The estimated dollar value of this contract YTD 2019 $266,513, FY18 451,702, FY17 $435,530, FY16 $435,608, FY15 $430, 625, FY14 $419,790.

The University expects that the products to be vended in the snack vending machines will include, but should not be limited to, cold foods (including but not limited to sandwiches, milk, cheese, natural juices), snacks (including but not limited to chips, pretzels, pastries, candy, gum, low fat/nutritional snacks), unbranded hot drinks (including but not limited to coffee, hot chocolate and soup), and fruit juice. Vending machines must stay stocked with adequate products. Failure to maintain may result in termination of contract.

The Vending Service Program will not include soda vending. The University of Kentucky has a contract with JMI for Beverage Pouring Rights. Under the terms of the contract, Coca-Cola is responsible for providing all Coke and any Coke owned beverage vending services on the university campus. All of the soda vending machines belong to Coca-Cola and they are responsible for filling and maintaining the machines. No Coke or competing beverages are allowed to be sold from vending machines on the University campus.

Services are further defined in Section 7.0.
2.2 **Background Information**

The current contracted vendor owns, maintains and stocks the vending machines on campus. This contract was started in 2005. There are 113 machines currently on campus. Please review Attachment A location information and building information.

2.3 **University Information**

Since his arrival, President Eli Capilouto has set forth an ambitious agenda to extend and enhance our role as Kentucky’s land-grant and flagship research university. By focusing on infrastructure growth and improvement; creating opportunities for innovative teaching, learning, and academic excellence; fostering a robust research and creative scholarship enterprise; providing life-saving subspecialty care; empowering communities through service and outreach; and encouraging a transparent and shared dialogue about institutional priorities; the University of Kentucky will ensure a new century of promise for the people we impact.

Founded in 1865 as a land-grant institution adjacent to downtown Lexington, UK is nestled in the scenic heart of the beautiful Bluegrass Region of Kentucky. From its early beginnings, with only 190 students and 10 professors, UK’s campus now covers more than 918 acres and is home to more than 30,000 students and approximately 14,500 employees, including more than 2,300 full-time faculty. UK is one of a small number of universities in the United States that has programs in agriculture, engineering, a full complement of health colleges including medicine and pharmacy, law and fine arts on a single campus, leading to groundbreaking discoveries and unique interdisciplinary collaboration. The state’s flagship university consists of 17 academic and professional colleges where students can choose from more than 200 majors and degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The colleges are Agriculture, Food and Environment; Arts and Sciences; Business and Economics; Communication and Information; Dentistry; Design; Education; Engineering; Fine Arts; Graduate School; Health Sciences; Law; Medicine; Nursing; Pharmacy; Public Health; and Social Work. These colleges are supported by a modern research library system.

Research at the University of Kentucky is a dynamic enterprise encompassing both traditional scholarship and emerging technologies, and UK’s research faculty, staff and students are establishing UK as one of the nation’s most prolific public research universities. UK’s research enterprise attracted $285 million in research grants and contracts from out-of-state sources, which generated a $580 million impact on the Kentucky economy. Included in this portfolio is $153 million in federal awards from the National Institutes of Health, non-NIH grants from the Department Health and Human Services, the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture and NASA, among others. The National Science Foundation ranks UK’s research enterprise 44th among public institutions.

With more than 50 research centers and institutes, UK researchers are discovering new knowledge, providing a rich training ground for current students and the next generation of researchers, and advancing the economic growth of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Several centers excel in the services offered to the public. The Gluck Equine Research Center is one of only three facilities of its kind in the world, conducting research in equine diseases.

The Center for Applied Energy Research is pursuing groundbreaking discovery across the energy disciplines. CAER staff are pioneering new ways to sustainably utilize Kentucky natural resources through carbon-capture algae technology, biomass/coal to liquid products and the opening of UK’s
first LEED-certified research lab to support the development of Kentucky's growing alternative energy industry. Among the brightest examples of UK's investment in transformative research is the Markey Cancer Center. As a center of excellence and distinction at UK, Markey's robust research and clinical enterprise is the cornerstone of our commitment to Kentucky – fundamental to our success in uplifting lives through our endeavors and improving the general health and welfare of our state – burdened by the nation's highest rate of cancer deaths per 100,000 people. In 2013, Markey earned the prestigious National Cancer Institute-designation (NCI) – one of 68 nationally and the only one in Kentucky.

The University of Kentucky was awarded a $20 million Clinical Translational Sciences Award (CTSA) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As one of only 60 institutions with this research distinction, UK was awarded the CTSA for its potential in moving research and discovery in the lab into practical field and community applications. The CTSA and NCI are part of a trifecta of federal research grants that includes an Alzheimer's Disease Center. UK is one of only 22 universities in the country to hold all three premier grants from NIH.

Established in 1957, the medical center at UK is one of the nation's finest academic medical centers and includes the University's clinical enterprise, UK HealthCare. The 569-bed UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital and Kentucky Children's Hospital, along with 256 beds at UK Good Samaritan Hospital, are supported by a growing faculty and staff providing the most advanced subspecialty care for the most critically injured and ill patients throughout the Commonwealth and beyond. Over the last several years, the number of patients served by the medical enterprise has increased from roughly 19,000 discharges to more than 36,000 discharges in 2014.

UK Chandler Hospital includes the only Level 1 Trauma Center for both adult and pediatric patients in Central and Eastern Kentucky. In addition, UK HealthCare recently opened one of the country's largest robotic hybrid operating rooms and the first of its kind in the region. While our new patient care pavilion is the leading healthcare facility for advanced medical procedures in the region, our talented physicians consult with and travel to our network of affiliate hospitals so Kentucky citizens can receive the best health care available close to their home and never need to leave the Bluegrass for complex subspecialty care.

UK's agenda remains committed to accelerating the University's movement toward academic excellence in all areas and gain worldwide recognition for its outstanding academic programs, its commitment to students, its investment in pioneering research and discovery, its success in building a diverse community and its engagement with the larger society. It is all part of the University's fulfillment of our promise to Kentucky to position our state as a leader in American prosperity.
3.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Key Event Dates

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3.2 Offeror Communication

To ensure that RFP documentation and subsequent information (modifications, clarifications, addenda, Written Questions and Answers, etc.) are directed to the appropriate persons within the offeror’s firm, each offeror who intends to participate in this RFP is to provide the following information to the purchasing officer. Prompt, thorough compliance is in the best interest of the offeror. Failure to comply may result in incomplete or delayed communication of addenda or other vital information. Contact information is the responsibility of the offeror. Without the prompt information, any communication shortfall shall reside with the offeror.

- Name of primary contact
- Mailing address of primary contact
- Telephone number of primary contact
- Fax number of primary contact
- E-mail address of primary contact
- Additional contact persons with same information provided as primary contact

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All communication with the University regarding this RFP shall only be directed to the purchasing officer listed above.
3.3 **Offeror Presentations**

All offerors whose proposals are judged acceptable for award may be required to make a presentation to the evaluation committee.

3.4 **Preparation of Offers**

The offeror is expected to follow all specifications, terms, conditions and instructions in this RFP.

The offeror will furnish all information required by this solicitation.

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a description of the offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the solicitation. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. All documentation submitted with the proposal should be bound in the single volume except as otherwise specified.

An electronic version of the RFP, in .PDF format only, is available through the University of Kentucky Purchasing Division web site: [www.uky.edu/purchasing/bidlist.htm](http://www.uky.edu/purchasing/bidlist.htm)

3.5 **Proposed Deviations from the RFP**

The stated requirements appearing elsewhere in this RFP shall become a part of the terms and conditions of any resulting contract. Any deviations therefrom must be specifically defined in accordance with the transmittal letter, Section 4.3 (d). If accepted by the University, the deviations shall become part of the contract, but such deviations must not be in conflict with the basic nature of this RFP.

Note: Offerors shall not submit their standard terms and conditions as exceptions to the University's General Terms and Conditions. Each exception to the University's General Terms and Conditions shall be individually addressed.

3.6 **Proposal Submission and Deadline**

Offeror must provide the following materials prior to 3 p.m. (Lexington, KY time) on the date specified in Section 3.1 and addressed to the purchasing officer listed in Section 3.2:

- **Technical Proposal:** Two (2) copy on an electronic storage device (CD or USB) (1 copy per storage device) each clearly marked with the proposal number and name, firm name and what is included (Technical Proposal) and two (2) printed copies in a single package, separate from the Financial Proposal.

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**Note:** Proposals received after the closing date and time will not be considered. In addition, proposals received via fax or e-mail are not acceptable.
The University of Kentucky accepts deliveries of RFPs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lexington, KY time. However, RFPs must be received by 3 p.m. Lexington, KY time on the date specified on the RFP in order to be considered.

Proposals shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes to the above referenced address and shall show on the face of the envelope: the closing time and date specified, the solicitation number and the name and address of the offeror. The technical proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and the financial proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope under separate cover. Both sealed envelopes shall have identical information on the cover, with the addition that one will state “Technical Information,” and the other, “Financial Proposal.”

Note: In accordance with the Kentucky Revised Statute 45A.085, there will be no public opening.

3.7 **Modification or Withdrawal of Offer**

An offer and/or modification of offer received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact hour and date specified for receipt will not be considered.

An offer may be modified or withdrawn by written notice before the exact hour and date specified for receipt of offers. An offer also may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or an authorized representative, provided the identity of the person is made known and the person signs a receipt for the offer, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the exact hour and date set for receipt of offers.

3.8 **Acceptance or Rejection and Award of Proposal**

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals (or parts of proposals), to waive any informalities or technicalities, to clarify any ambiguities in proposals and (unless otherwise specified) to accept any item in the proposal. In case of error in extension or prices or other errors in calculation, the unit price shall govern. Further, the University reserves the right to make a single award, split awards, multiple awards or no award, whichever is in the best interest of the University.

3.9 **Rejection**

Grounds for the rejection of proposals include (but shall not be limited to):

- Failure of a proposal to conform to the essential requirements of the RFP.
- Imposition of conditions that would significantly modify the terms and conditions of the solicitation or limit the offeror’s liability to the University on the contract awarded on the basis of such solicitation.
- Failure of the offeror to sign the University RFP. This includes the Authentication of Proposal and Statement of Non-Collusion and Non-Conflict of Interest statements.
- Receipt of proposal after the closing date and time specified in the RFP.
3.10 **Addenda**

Any addenda or instructions issued by the purchasing agency prior to the time for receiving proposals shall become a part of this RFP. Such addenda shall be acknowledged in the proposal. No instructions or changes shall be binding unless documented by a proper and duly issued addendum.

3.11 **Disclosure of Offeror's Response**

The RFP specifies the format, required information and general content of proposals submitted in response to this RFP. The purchasing agency will not disclose any portions of the proposals prior to contract award to anyone outside the Purchasing Division, the University’s administrative staff, representatives of the state or federal government (if required) and the members of the committee evaluating the proposals. After a contract is awarded in whole or in part, the University shall have the right to duplicate, use or disclose all proposal data submitted by offerors in response to this RFP as a matter of public record.

Any submitted proposal shall remain valid six (6) months after the proposal due date.

The University shall have the right to use all system ideas, or adaptations of those ideas, contained in any proposal received in response to this RFP. Selection or rejection of the proposal will not affect this right.

3.12 **Restrictions on Communications with University Staff**

From the issue date of this RFP until a contractor is selected and a contract award is made, offerors are not allowed to communicate about the subject of the RFP with any University administrator, faculty, staff or members of the board of trustees except: the purchasing office representative, any University purchasing official representing the University administration, others authorized in writing by the purchasing office and University representatives during offeror presentations. If violation of this provision occurs, the University reserves the right to reject the offeror’s proposal.

3.13 **Cost of Preparing Proposal**

Costs for developing the proposals and any subsequent activities prior to contract award are solely the responsibility of the offerors. The University will provide no reimbursement for such costs.

3.14 **Disposition of Proposals**

All proposals become the property of the University. The successful proposal will be incorporated into the resulting contract by reference.
3.15 Alternate Proposals

Offerors may submit alternate proposals. If more than one proposal is submitted, all must be complete (separate) and comply with the instructions set forth within this document. Each proposal will be evaluated on its own merits.

3.16 Questions

All questions should be submitted by either fax or e-mail to the purchasing officer listed in Section 3.2 no later than the date listed in Section 3.1.

3.17 Section Titles in the RFP

Section titles used herein are for the purpose of facilitating ease of reference only and shall not be construed to infer the construction of contractual language.

3.18 No Contingent Fees

No person or selling agency shall be employed or retained or given anything of monetary value to solicit or secure this contract, except bona fide employees of the offeror or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the offeror for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this provision, the University shall have the right to reject the proposal, annul the contract without liability, or, at its discretion, deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee or other benefit.

3.19 Proposal Addenda and Rules for Withdrawal

Prior to the date specified for receipt of offers, a submitted proposal may be withdrawn by submitting a written request for its withdrawal to the University purchasing office, signed by the offeror. Unless requested by the University, the University will not accept revisions or alterations to proposals after the proposal due date.
4.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

4.1 Proposal Information and Criteria

The following list specifies the items to be addressed in the proposal. Offerors should read it carefully and address it completely and in the order listed to facilitate the University’s review of the proposal.

Proposals shall be organized into the sections identified below. The content of each section is detailed in the following pages. It is strongly suggested that offerors use the same numbers for the following content that are used in the RFP.

- Signed Authentication of Proposal and Statement of Non-Collusion and Non-Conflict of Interest Form
- Transmittal Letter
- Executive Summary and Proposal Overview
- Criteria 1 - Offeror Qualifications
- Criteria 2 - Services Defined
- Criteria 3 - Financial Proposal
- Criteria 4 - Evidence of Successful Performance and Implementation Schedule
- Criteria 5 - Other Additional Information

4.2 Signed Authentication of Proposal and Statements of Non-Collusion and Non-Conflict of Interest Form

The Offeror will sign and return the proposal cover sheet and print or type their name, firm, address, telephone number and date. The person signing the offer must initial erasures or other changes. An offer signed by an agent is to be accompanied by evidence of their authority unless such evidence has been previously furnished to the purchasing agency. The signer shall further certify that the proposal is made without collusion with any other person, persons, company or parties submitting a proposal; that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud; and that the signer is authorized to bind the principal offeror.

4.3 Transmittal Letter

The Transmittal Letter accompanying the RFP shall be in the form of a standard business letter and shall be signed by an individual authorized to legally bind the offeror. It shall include:

- A statement referencing all addenda and written questions, the answers and any clarifications to this RFP issued by the University and received by the offeror (If no addenda have been received, a statement to that effect should be included.).

- A statement that the offeror’s proposal shall remain valid for six (6) months after the closing date of the receipt of the proposals.

- A statement that the offeror will accept financial responsibility for all travel expenses incurred for oral presentations (if required) and candidate interviews.
• A statement that summarizes any deviations or exceptions to the RFP requirements and includes a detailed justification for the deviation or exception.

• A statement that identifies the confidential information as described in Section 6.23.

4.4 Executive Summary and Proposal Overview

The Executive Summary and Proposal Overview shall condense and highlight the contents of the technical proposal in such a way as to provide the evaluation committee with a broad understanding of the entire proposal.

4.5 Criteria 1 - Offeror Qualifications

The purpose of the Offeror Qualifications section is to determine the ability of the offeror to respond to this RFP. Offerors must describe and offer evidence of their ability to meet each of the qualifications listed below.

1. Provide a brief historical perspective on your company (years in business, growth via mergers and acquisitions, key industry innovations). Provide an overview of your company’s growth over the past five years.

2. List business owners whose ownership exceeds 5% of the company’s value.

3. Describe your office and warehouse locations.

4. Describe the qualities that differentiate your company from your competitors.

5. Is your company currently for sale or involved in any transaction to expand or to be become acquired by another business entity? If yes, explain the expected impact, both in organizational and directional terms.

6. Provide certified, audited financial statements including a full set of notes as follows:

   a. For the past three (3) fiscal years, include at a minimum, income statements, balance sheets, and statements of changes in financial position or cash flows. If three (3) years of financial statements are not available, this information shall be provided to the fullest extent possible for the reasons why, if they are not available.

   b. For a private held company, when certified audited financial statements are not prepared; a written statement from the company’s certified public accountant, stating the financial condition, debt-to-asset ratio for the past three (3) years and any pending actions.

   c. If the Offeror has had a contract terminated for default in the last five (5) years, describe such incident. Submit full details for the default, including the other parties’ name, address, and phone number. Present the Offeror’s position on the matter. The University will evaluate the facts and may, at its sole discretion, reject the proposal on
the grounds of the past experience. If the Offeror has experienced no such termination for default in the past five years, so indicate.

4.6 Criteria 2 – Services Defined

I. Collections/Payment

1. All revenue from the vending machines will be collected on a regular schedule, at a minimum of once per week. Describe your ability to accomplish this task and provide a copy of your proposed collection schedule.

2. On or before ten (10) calendar days following the last day of each month, the successful offeror shall pay to the University all payments due and owed to the University, accompanied by a detailed statement, in duplicate, of the gross volume and receipts for each machine. Describe your ability to accomplish this task.

II. Refunds

The successful offeror shall provide refund accounts for the refunding of monies to the public where a vending machine is not in good working order. Refunds will be given out at: Gatton Student Center Information desk, 422 Health Science Building, 177 Johnson Center, Good Samaritan Hospital Admitting Office, and Chandler Hospital Pavilion H Registration desk. A log will be kept at each location that details customer name, machine location, problem, and amount refunded. The University will notify the successful offeror as the refund locations need to be serviced. Describe your ability to meet this requirement.

3. Each machine shall have a label, clearly posted on the machine, with nearest refund location, including a vending machine number for patrons to refer to. Describe your ability to accomplish this.

4. Describe your refund process.

5. Describe your ability to complete refunds weekly to the refund locations.

III. Technology

6. Describe your ability to proactively research processes, technological improvements, optimal equipment utilization and efficiency available today and in the near future to provide maximum satisfaction to the customer base.

7. What technology is available in your vending machines?

8. Offeror will be responsible for debit/credit card readers and any related equipment needed to accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and all major mobile credential (i.e. E-wallet systems) including Apple-Pay, Samsung Pay and/or Google Wallet. Offeror shall also provide the option of adding money to an online account to pay for machine use. All necessary equipment and the installation of said equipment is the responsibility of the Offeror. Offeror is responsible for ensuring that all equipment is functioning properly. Describe how your company can meet this requirement.
9. Describe your ability to provide online inventory control measures that includes delivery dates and products per vending machine for University Services review.

10. What other types of vending machines does your firm provide (i.e. merchandising, etc.)?

III. Representation

12. The successful offeror shall have adequate representation to accommodate the University account. The successful offeror shall identify one manager made known to the University, in writing, by name to routinely review and inspect operations on the University of Kentucky campus. The representative will have the responsibility to call on the University on a weekly basis and the Purchasing Division as requested. Describe how you would provide representation to the University.

13. Identify and describe the management team who will be dedicated to the program for the duration of the contract. Submit a management support personnel staffing chart that details positions, titles, phone numbers, and provides a brief job profile and description.

14. Who will be directly responsible for this account? Provide a summary of the individual’s training and experience, including the number of years with your company.

15. What is your average response time when a client requests the services of a sales representative? Describe your follow up process with the client to assure that the problem has been resolved.

16. Detail your ongoing training program to keep your staff updated on new products. Do members of your staff regularly attend manufacturer sponsored training session and trade shows? If yes, identify staff that has attended, list conferences, training, and dates.

IV. Quality Assurance

17. Describe your service support philosophy, how the philosophy is carried out, and how you measure success in maintaining this philosophy.

18. Describe your policy and procedure dealing with complaints regarding expired products, empty machines or lack of inventory variety.

19. Describe your quality control process and how you measure it.

20. What customer specific performance measures do you monitor, report and work to continuously improve upon? Explain how your company measures and reacts to customer satisfaction.

21. Provide an explanation of the methods you will use to ensure consistent operation of the equipment on a day-to-day basis.

22. Describe your ability to, within 24 hours of receipt of any notice of product recall, notify the appropriate University personnel of such recall and make arrangements to have recalled product removed from the vending machines and replaced with a similar product.
23. Describe your organization’s approach to obtaining consumer feedback to ascertain the level of consumer satisfaction. Be specific, citing successful programs at other comparable institutions.

V. Vended Products

24. All snacks/food will be made available to the University in packages and pursuant to specifications reasonably requested by the University. Your proposal shall identify all products sold or distributed by your company, including all specifications fully describing the portion size, packaging and dispensing capability. Include in this list of products the proposed cost of each item to the customer.

25. Successful offeror must use nationally known brand products and have access to immediate vending machine restocking items. Describe your ability to meet this condition.

26. Machines shall be stocked with adequate merchandise with due consideration to rotation and variety. Describe your ability to meet this condition.

27. Describe your ability to involve the University in the selection process of inventory in vending machines on campus.

VI. Delivery Schedule

28. Provide a delivery plan and schedule for the University of Kentucky that will maintain adequate merchandise in all machines (the University will work with the successful offeror on setting those levels). Detail the hours your drivers will be working to accomplish all deliveries. See Attachment A pages for information on access hours of buildings. Include in this section proposed regular deliveries and “as needed” deliveries.

Note: the Hospital area is a 7 day a week, 365 days a year operation while traffic on Campus may decline during the summer months. Even in the slower month’s merchandise shall remain at the predetermined levels.

VII. Machines

29. What vending machines, from Attachment A, would your firm recommend adding, deleting, upgrading and/or replacing for each area listed?

VIII. Financial Reporting and Control

30. Provide a listing (with examples and frequency of issuance) of reports that will be periodically provided to the University/Purchasing Division, i.e., sales reports, sales history, promotional activities, etc. Include a discussion of obtaining the reports electronically, i.e., company web sites. Demonstrate the organization's systems and methodology for the following, financial and control matters:

- Methods for recording, verifying and reporting cash and debit card sales (sales reconciliation).
- Cash handling procedures, including procedures for holding funds overnight and transportation funds.
- Purchasing, receiving, storage and inventory control systems for products.

IX. Campus Food Events

31. Describe your ability to support students during campus events such as K-Week, etc.

X. Healthy Options

32. Does the offeror have a designated selection of healthier vending options? If so, what are the nutritional guidelines that were used in identifying those healthier options?
33. What protocol/strategies can the offeror offer to entice customers to choose healthier options (i.e. signage near or on the machine, competitive pricing, product placement, logos that indicate a healthier choice, etc.)
34. At what intervals are decisions made to change out items in the vending machines, and how are these decisions made? University Wellness would like to be part of the discussions around new items stocked as well as the initial discussions about what items to stock.
35. In the offeror’s experience, what percentage of items offered in the vending machine are designated as healthier options? Is there a set range or limit as to what that percentage shall be?
36. Is the offeror willing to investigate placing refrigerated vending machines in high-traffic areas on campus, which can increase the variety of healthier options available?

4.7 Criteria 3 – Financial Proposal

The Financial Summary Form shall contain the complete financial offer made to the University using the format contained in Section 8.0. All financial information must be submitted in a sealed envelope under separate cover.

4.8 Criteria 4 – Evidence of Successful Performance and Implementation Schedule

1. Offeror shall supply names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) corporate or institutional account references for whom similar work has been accomplished and briefly describe the type of service provided. The offeror must grant permission to the University to contact the references.

2. Describe your process to ensure the successful implementation and the on-going success of the University of Kentucky’s Vending Service Program.

3. Describe any difficulties that you anticipate in providing a Vending Service Program on the University of Kentucky campus, and how you plan to manage those difficulties. Also describe any assistance that you foresee you will require from the University.

4. Do you have a contingency plan or disaster recovery plan in the event of a disaster? If yes, provide a copy of the plan with your proposal.
4.9  **Criteria 5 – Other Additional Information**

Please provide any additional information that the offeror feels should be considered when evaluating their proposal.

The offeror may present any creative approaches that might be appropriate. The offeror may also provide supporting documentation that would be pertinent to this RFP.
5.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA PROCESS

A committee of University officials appointed by the Chief Procurement Officer will evaluate proposals and make a recommendation to the Chief Procurement Officer. The evaluation will be based upon the information provided in the proposal, additional information requested by the University for clarification, information obtained from references and independent sources and oral presentations (if requested).

The evaluation of responsive proposals shall then be completed by an evaluation team, which will determine the ranking of proposals. Proposals will be evaluated strictly in accordance with the requirements set forth in this solicitation, including any addenda that are issued. The University will award the contract to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the University, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP.

The evaluation of proposals will include consideration of responses to the list of criteria in Section 4.0. Offerors must specifically address all criteria in their response. Any deviations or exceptions to the specifications or requirements must be described and justified in a transmittal letter. Failure to list such exceptions or deviations in the transmittal letter may be considered sufficient reason to reject the proposal.

The relative importance of the criteria is defined below:

**Primary Criteria**

- Offeror Qualifications
- Services Defined
- Financial Proposal
- Evidence of Successful Performance and Implementation

**Secondary Criteria**

- Other Additional Services

The University will evaluate proposals as submitted and may not notify offerors of deficiencies in their responses.

Proposals must contain responses to each of the criteria, listed in Section 4 even if the offeror’s response cannot satisfy those criteria. A proposal may be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete in the judgment of the University.
6.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

6.1 Contract Term

The contract resulting from this RFP shall be effective August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2021, and is renewable for up to 6 additional one-year renewal periods. The total contract period will not exceed 8 years. Annual renewal shall be contingent upon the University’s satisfaction with the services performed.

6.2 Competitive Negotiation

It is the intent of the RFP to enter into competitive negotiation as authorized by KRS 45A.085.

The University will review all proposals properly submitted. However, the University reserves the right to request necessary modifications, reject all proposals, reject any proposal that does not meet mandatory requirement(s) or cancel this RFP, according to the best interests of the University.

Offeror(s) selected to participate in negotiations may be given an opportunity to submit a Best and Final Offer to the purchasing agency. All information-received prior to the cut-off time will be considered part of the offeror’s Best and Final Offer.

The University also reserves the right to waive minor technicalities or irregularities in proposals providing such action is in the best interest of the University. Such waiver shall in no way modify the RFP requirements or excuse the offeror from full compliance with the RFP specifications and other contract requirements if the offeror is awarded the contract.

6.3 Appearance Before Committee

Any, all or no offerors may be requested to appear before the evaluation committee to explain their proposal and/or to respond to questions from the committee concerning the proposal. Offerors are prohibited from electronically recording these meetings. The committee reserves the right to request additional information.

6.4 Additions, Deletions or Contract Changes

The University reserves the right to add, delete, or change related items or services to the contract established from this RFP. No modification or change of any provision in the resulting contract shall be made unless such modification is mutually agreed to in writing by the contractor and the Chief Procurement Officer and incorporated as a written modification to the contract. Memoranda of understanding and correspondence shall not be interpreted as a modification to the contract.

6.5 Contractor Cooperation in Related Efforts

The University reserves the right to undertake or award other contracts for additional or related work to other entities. The contractor shall fully cooperate with such other contractors and University employees and carefully fit its work to such additional work. The contractor shall not
commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or by University employees. This clause shall be included in the contracts of all contractors with whom this contractor will be required to cooperate. The University shall equitably enforce this clause to all contractors to prevent the imposition of unreasonable burdens on any contractor.

6.6 **Entire Agreement**

The RFP shall be incorporated into any resulting contract. The resulting contract, including the RFP and those portions of the offeror’s response accepted by the University, shall be the entire agreement between the parties.

6.7 **Governing Law**

The contractor shall conform to and observe all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the United States of America, Commonwealth of Kentucky and all other local governments, public authorities, boards or offices relating to the property or the improvements upon same (or the use thereof) and will not permit the same to be used for any illegal or immoral purposes, business or occupation. The resulting contract shall be governed by Kentucky law and any claim relating to this contract shall only be brought in the Franklin Circuit Court in accordance with KRS 45A.245.

6.8 **Kentucky’s Personal Information Security and Breach Investigation Procedures and Practices Act**

To the extent Company receives Personal Information as defined by and in accordance with Kentucky’s Personal Information Security and Breach Investigation Procedures and Practices Act, KRS 61.931, 61.932 and 61.933 (the “Act”), Company shall secure and protect the Personal Information by, without limitation: (i) complying with all requirements applicable to non-affiliated third parties set forth in the Act; (ii) utilizing security and breach investigation procedures that are appropriate to the nature of the Personal Information disclosed, at least as stringent as University’s and reasonably designed to protect the Personal Information from unauthorized access, use, modification, disclosure, manipulation, or destruction; (iii) notifying University of a security breach relating to Personal Information in the possession of Company or its agents or subcontractors within seventy-two (72) hours of discovery of an actual or suspected breach unless the exception set forth in KRS 61.932(2)(b)2 applies and Company abides by the requirements set forth in that exception; (iv) cooperating with University in complying with the response, mitigation, correction, investigation, and notification requirements of the Act, (v) paying all costs of notification, investigation and mitigation in the event of a security breach of Personal Information suffered by Company; and (vi) at University’s discretion and direction, handling all administrative functions associated with notification, investigation and mitigation.

6.9 **Termination for Convenience**

The University of Kentucky, Purchasing Division, reserves the right to terminate the resulting contract without cause with a thirty (30) day written notice. Upon receipt by the contractor of a “notice of termination,” the contractor shall discontinue all services with respect to the applicable contract. The cost of any agreed upon services provided by the contractor will be calculated at the
agreed upon rate prior to a “notice of termination” and a fixed fee contract will be pro-rated (as appropriate).

6.10 **Termination for Non-Performance**

**Default**

The University may terminate the resulting contract for non-performance, as determined by the University, for such causes as:

- Failing to provide satisfactory quality of service, including, failure to maintain adequate personnel, whether arising from labor disputes, or otherwise any substantial change in ownership or proprietorship of the Contractor, which in the opinion of the University is not in its best interest, or failure to comply with the terms of this contract;

- Failing to keep or perform, within the time period set forth herein, or violation of, any of the covenants, conditions, provisions or agreements herein contained;

- Adjudicating as a voluntarily bankrupt, making a transfer in fraud of its creditors, filing a petition under any section from time to time, or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or if an order for relief shall be entered against the Contractor in any proceeding filed by or against contractor thereunder. In the event of any such involuntary bankruptcy proceeding being instituted against the Contractor, the fact of such an involuntary petition being filed shall not be considered an event of default until sixty (60) days after filing of said petition in order that Contractor might during that sixty (60) day period have the opportunity to seek dismissal of the involuntary petition or otherwise cure said potential default; or

- Making a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or taking the benefit of any insolvency act, or if a permanent receiver or trustee in bankruptcy shall be appointed for the Contractor.

**Demand for Assurances**

In the event the University has reason to believe Contractor will be unable to perform under the Contract, it may make a demand for reasonable assurances that Contractor will be able to timely perform all obligations under the Contract. If Contractor is unable to provide such adequate assurances, then such failure shall be an event of default and grounds for termination of the Contract.

**Notification**

The University will provide ten (10) calendar days written notice of default. Unless arrangements are made to correct the non-performance issues to the University’s satisfaction within ten (10) calendar days, the University may terminate the contract by giving forty-five (45) days notice, by registered or certified mail, of its intent to cancel this contract.
6.11 **Funding Out**

The University may terminate this contract if funds are not appropriated or are not otherwise available for the purpose of making payments without incurring any obligation for payment after the date of termination, regardless of the terms of the contract. The University shall provide the contractor thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of termination under this provision.

6.12 **Prime Contractor Responsibility**

Any contracts that may result from the RFP shall specify that the contractor(s) is/are solely responsible for fulfillment of the contract with the University.

6.13 **Assignment and Subcontracting**

The Contractor(s) may not assign or delegate its rights and obligations under any contract in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the University. Any attempted assignment or subcontracting shall be void.

6.14 **Permits, Licenses, Taxes**

The contractor shall procure all necessary permits and licenses and abide by all applicable laws, regulations and ordinances of all federal, state and local governments in which work under this contract is performed.

The contractor must furnish certification of authority to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a condition of contract award. Such registration is obtained from the Secretary of State, who will also provide the certification thereof. However, the contractor need not be registered as a prerequisite for responding to the RFP.

The contractor shall pay any sales, use, personal property and other tax arising out of this contract and the transaction contemplated hereby. Any other taxes levied upon this contract, the transaction or the equipment or services delivered pursuant hereto shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

The contractor will be required to accept liability for payment of all payroll taxes or deductions required by local and federal law including (but not limited to) old age pension, social security or annuities.

6.15 **Attorneys’ Fees**

In the event that either party deems it necessary to take legal action to enforce any provision of the contract and in the event that the University prevails, the contractor agrees to pay all expenses of such action including attorneys' fees and costs at all stages of litigation.

6.16 **Royalties, Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks**

The Contractor shall pay all applicable royalties and license fees. If a particular process, products or device is specified in the contract documents and it is known to be subject to patent rights or copyrights, the existence of such rights shall be disclosed in the contract documents and the
Contractor is responsible for payment of all associated royalties. To the fullest extent permitted by law the Contractor shall indemnify, hold the University harmless, and defend all suits, claims, losses, damages or liability resulting from any infringement of patent, copyright, and trademark rights resulting from the incorporation in the Work or device specified in the Contract Documents.

Unless provided otherwise in the contract, the Contractor shall not use the University’s name nor any of its trademarks or copyrights, although it may state that it has a Contract with the University.

6.17 Indemnification

The contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless the University, its affiliates and subsidiaries and their officers, agents and employees from losses, claims, suits, actions, expenses, damages, costs (including court costs and attorneys’ fees of the University’s attorneys), all liability of any nature or kind arising out of or relating to the Contractor’s response to this RFP or its performance or failure to perform under the contract awarded from this RFP. This clause shall survive termination for as long as necessary to protect the University.

6.18 Insurance

The successful Contractor shall procure and maintain, at its expense, the following minimum insurance coverages insuring all services, work activities and contractual obligations undertaken in this contract. These insurance policies must be with insurers acceptable to the University.

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The successful contractor agrees to furnish Certificates of Insurance for the above described coverages and limits to the University of Kentucky, Purchasing Division. The University, its trustees and employees must be added as additional insured on the Commercial General Liability policy with regard to the scope of this solicitation. Any deductibles or self-insured retention in the above-described policies must be paid and are the sole responsibility of the contractor. Coverage is to be primary and non-contributory with other coverage (if any) purchased by the University. All of these required policies must include a Waiver of Subrogation (except Workers’ Compensation) in favor of the University, its trustees and employees.

6.19 Method of Award

It is the intent of the University to award a contract to the qualified offeror whose offer, conforming to the conditions and requirements of the RFP, is determined to be the most advantageous to the University, cost and other factors considered.
Notwithstanding the above, this RFP does not commit the University to award a contract from this solicitation. The University reserves the right to reject any or all offers and to waive formalities and minor irregularities in the proposal received.

6.20 Reciprocal Preference

In accordance with KRS 45A.494, a resident offeror of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be given a preference against a nonresident offeror. In evaluating proposals, the University will apply a reciprocal preference against an offeror submitting a proposal from a state that grants residency preference equal to the preference given by the state of the nonresident offeror. Residency and non-residency shall be defined in accordance with KRS 45A.494(2) and 45A.494(3), respectively. Any offeror claiming Kentucky residency status shall submit with its proposal a notarized affidavit affirming that it meets the criteria as set forth in the above reference statute.

6.21 Reports and Auditing

The University, or its duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, records or other evidence which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purpose of financial audit or program review. Records or other information confidentially disclosed as part of the solicitation process shall not be deemed as directly pertinent to the contract and shall be exempt from disclosure as provided by the Kentucky Open Records Act. Additionally, the contractor recognizes that any books, documents, papers, records, or other evidence received during a financial audit or program review shall be subject to the Kentucky Open Records Act.

A consolidated statement for all cash vending sales will be submitted on a monthly basis from the successful offeror to the University. This statement will include:

1. Report period
2. Machine type and location
3. Cash income
4. Output vended by machine
5. Compensation to the University
6. A written explanation for any machines with no sales
7. Number of service calls per machine
8. Number of refunds and total dollar amount refunded
9. A year-to-date report of the above information

6.22 Confidentiality

The University recognizes an offeror’s possible interest in preserving selected information and data included in the proposal; however, the University must treat such information and data as required by the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870, et seq.
Information areas which normally might be considered proprietary, and therefore confidential, shall
be limited to individual personnel data, customer references, formulae and company financial audits
which, if disclosed, would permit an unfair advantage to competitors. If a proposal contains
information in these areas and the offeror declares them to be proprietary in nature and not
available for public disclosure, the offeror shall declare in the Transmittal Letter the inclusion of
proprietary information and shall noticeably label as confidential or proprietary each sheet
containing such information. Proposals containing information declared by the offeror to be
proprietary or confidential, either wholly or in part, outside the areas listed above may be deemed
non-responsive and may be rejected.

The University’s General Counsel shall review each offeror’s information claimed to be confidential
and, in consultation with the offeror (if needed), make a final determination as to whether or not the
confidential or proprietary nature of the information or data complies with the Kentucky Open
Records Act.

6.23 Conflict of Interest

This Request for Proposal and resulting Contract are subject to provisions of the Kentucky Revised
Statutes regarding conflict of interest and the University of Kentucky’s Ethical Principles and Code
of Conduct (www.uky.edu/Legal/ethicscode.htm). When submitting and signing a proposal, an
offeror is certifying that no actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest exists between the
interests of the University and the interests of the offeror. A conflict of interest (whether contractual,
financial, organizational or otherwise) exists when any individual, contractor or subcontractor has a
direct or indirect interest because of a financial or pecuniary interest, gift or other activities or
relationships with other persons (including business, familial or household relationships) and is thus
unable to render or is impeded from rendering impartial assistance or advice, has impaired
objectivity in performing the proposed work or has an unfair competitive advantage.

Questions concerning this section or interpretation of this section should be directed to the
University purchasing officer identified in this RFP.

6.24 Extending Contract

The offeror’s response to this RFP must state whether or not the offeror will permit the use of this
contract by other Universities, state agencies, public and private institutions in the Commonwealth
of Kentucky. An answer to this issue must be submitted within the response.

6.25 University Brand Standards

The contractor must adhere to all University of Kentucky Brand Standards. University Brand
Standards are maintained by the University Public Relations Office (UKPR) and can be viewed at
http://www.uky.edu/pmarketing/brand-standards. Non-adherence to the standards can have a
penalty up to and including contract cancellation. Only the UKPR Director or designee can approve
exceptions to the University standards.

Graphics standards for the UK HealthCare areas are governed by UK HealthCare Clinical
Enterprise Graphic Standards, found at: https://ourbrand.ukhealthcare.org.
Contractor warrants that its products or services provided hereunder will be in compliance with all applicable Federal disabilities laws and regulations, including without limitation the accessibility requirements of Section 255 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. § 255) and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794d), and its implementing regulations set forth at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1194. For purposes of clarity, updated regulations under Section 508 standards now incorporate WCAG 2.0, and for purposes of this agreement WCAG 2.0 Level AA compliance is expressly included. Contractor agrees to promptly respond to, resolve and remediate any complaint regarding accessibility of products or services in a timely manner and provide an updated version to University at no cost. If deficiencies are identified, University reserves the right to request from Contractor, a timeline by which accessibility standards will be incorporated into the products or services provided by Contractor and shall provide such a timeline within a commercially reasonable duration of time. Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

Where any customized web services are provided, Contractor represents that it has reviewed the University’s Web Policy and all products or services will comply with its published standards.

Contractor will provide University with a current Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) for any deliverable(s). If none is available, Vendor will provide sufficient information to reasonably assure the University that the products or services are fully compliant with current requirements.
7.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

7.1 Detailed Services Defined

Equipment will be located in areas identified in this RFP (See Attachment A) or other areas as requested, in writing, by the University.

All vending machines shall be equipped with a one dollar ($1.00) bill validator, to accept one dollar ($1.00) bills. All machines are to be capable of accepting Debit/Credit Cards and electronic payment types. Credit card types accepted shall include Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and electronic payment types are preferably all major mobile credential (i.e. E-wallet systems) including Apple-Pay, Samsung Pay and/or Google Wallet. During the implementation phase, UK will decide if one or both systems shall be installed. Support NFC technology: It is required to support contactless NFC readers capable of reading HID Seos, Android, and/or Apple Wallet mobile credential. This includes NFC hardware and firmware upgrades to support these credential types.

Each vending machine will be equipped with a coin box that is opened with a separate key from the key used to open the machine for inspection and repair.

The successful offeror shall be liable for all damages resulting from acts of negligence by its employees or agents, and or injuries to customers caused by the successful offeror’s equipment.

The machines will be the sole property of the successful offeror and the successful offeror will hold the University harmless for any and all damages to these machines. Title shall remain the property of the successful offeror and none of the equipment shall become a part of the building.

The successful offeror shall have regular access to their equipment located on the University of Kentucky campus only during the University’s regular operating hours for the building where the equipment is located (See Attachment A for building hours). If the successful offeror requires access at other times, permission to obtain admittance must be obtained from an authorized officer of the University.

To facilitate housekeeping, all vending machines shall be located so that space around and under the machines can be easily cleaned and maintained, and so that insect and rodent harborage is not created. When mounted on legs, a minimum of six (6) inches of unobstructed space shall be provided beneath the unit.

All empty containers are to be picked up after each delivery. Any costs associated with the containers used in delivery/pickup will be assumed by the successful offeror.

All items shall have the “sold by” date printed on the outside of the package. Out-dated merchandise must be picked up by the successful offeror and replaced with fresh product.

All products shall be attractively packaged and clearly labeled. Products that are placed in the food vending machines shall be sound and free from spoilage, filth or other contamination and be safe for human consumption. The food shall be obtained from sources that comply with all laws relating to
food and food labeling. The use of food in hermetically sealed containers which was not prepared in a food processing establishment is prohibited.

Vending machine stocking will be maintained as sales dictate to guarantee that out-of-stock conditions do not become a problem. Failure to maintain an adequate stock may result in termination of the contract.

All machines shall be stocked and in operation 24 hours a day.

Service Personnel

The successful offeror shall provide delivery personnel to work the University’s account that are bonded and have had successful background checks performed. Background check shall be presented to the appropriate University official. Delivery personnel shall also possess a valid and proper vehicle operator’s license issued by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This information must be provided to the designated Purchasing Official and will be kept in the successful offerors contract file. The delivery personnel responsible for the UK Healthcare areas shall also have a signed HIPPA agreement on file with Purchasing. Upon award of the contract and at the time of any personnel change the successful offeror shall provide to the University a background check performed on the person to be assigned to service the account, proof of a valid Commonwealth of Kentucky driver’s license, and copy of a signed HIPPA agreement for UK Healthcare areas delivery personnel. Successful offeror employees shall be in uniform and wear identification so as to be easily recognizable and will be required to have proper University identification to access campus housing facilities.

The successful offeror shall also agree to cooperate with University policy and guideline requirements when making deliveries to all University medical and research facilities, UKMC Safety and Security requires a photo identification badge be worn when making deliveries to these facilities. The successful offeror will be responsible for any fees or expense related to obtaining proper identification. These items shall be kept up to date and current with the appropriate University Official. UKMC also requires all contracted vendors to be dressed in a professional manner. A company uniform is preferred but, if one is not provided men should wear work pants and work shirt and women should wear appropriate attire which is not provocative or risqué. Casual sportswear such as blue jeans, shorts, sweat suits, t-shirts, or tank tops are not approved apparel. The attire is intended to portray the image of well-groomed and neat appearing individuals. Contracted vendors are expected to take pride in their personal hygiene. In addition, all contracted employees will conduct themselves in a professional manner. Failure to do so may result in termination of the contract.

The successful offeror shall ensure that its employees engage in appropriate conduct while working on the University of Kentucky campus. All personnel shall be subject to University regulations regarding personal behavior and use of University facilities, and shall be dismissed at the request of the University for violations or for conduct contrary or offensive to the interests of the University and its staff.

The successful offeror shall have control over and be responsible for all personnel and employment matters involving its employees including, but not limited to, work schedules and compensation. All employees shall be employed by the successful offeror in its own name and its own expense, and the successful offeror shall pay all salaries, wages and employee benefits payable to out or on behalf of its employees. All personnel matters shall be handled in accordance with applicable law and standard procedures established for of the successful offeror’s locations.
Independent Contractor

It is the intention of the University of Kentucky that the successful offeror shall be deemed to be an independent contractor, and nothing in this RFP or the proposed contract, including the successful offeror's proposal, shall be deemed to create a partnership or joint venture or the relationship of principal and agent between the successful offeror and the University. Nothing herein shall cause the employees, agents or representatives of either the successful offeror or the University to be deemed or construed to be the employee, agent or representative of the other. Any reference in the successful offeror's proposal to a partnership relationship between the successful offeror and the University shall have no legal effect. The University of Kentucky will not be responsible for any goods purchased by the successful offeror or for any other obligations or liabilities assumed or created by the successful offeror in the performance of the proposed contract.

HIPAA

Contractor will be required to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). University of Kentucky master HIPPA/BAA amendment is attached, and will become an integral part of any agreement. ATTACHMENT C.

Vehicles

Successful offeror vehicles must be easily identifiable and park in designated parking areas.

The University of Kentucky Motor Vehicle Parking and Traffic Regulations, as well as a service-parking permit, may be obtained from the Parking and Transportation Department, 721 Press Avenue, Lexington, KY – (859) 257-5757. Vendors wishing to obtain a service permit must submit a letter verifying need for access and make application for an "S" permit on the regular parking permit application form. A fee is required for each permit issued and is valid until March 31 of the fiscal year.

Utilities

The University of Kentucky will provide existing 110 volt electrical service to the machines without cost to the successful offeror. However, the University will not be liable for equipment or product damage due to an interruption of service beyond its control. No change or alteration of electric service will be made by the successful offeror without the prior written approval of an authorized University official. In the event that an installation of a machine causes disruption of the electrical service at the premises, the successful offeror will immediately discontinue use of the machine and either request the installation of a dedicated electrical circuit at the successful offeror's expense, or request approval from the University to relocate the machine. In the event that a University department requests that a machine be installed at a specific location, as approved by the University, and this location requires a dedicated electrical circuit, then the requesting University department shall pay for the cost of providing this dedicated electrical circuit. Any permitted changes shall be done by the University of Kentucky Physical Plant Division.

For any machines that require water, the successful offeror must use existing University provided water sources. The cost of the water used in conjunction with the operation of the vending machines will be borne by the University. Any permitted changes shall be done by the University of Kentucky Physical Plant Division.
Every effort shall be made by the successful offeror to keep energy and water consumption to a minimum.

**Payment Terms**

The offeror understands and agrees that the University of Kentucky will grant the successful offeror the opportunity to provide vending services in exchange for monetary compensation to the University. The compensation shall be from all segments of the contract and no additional charges shall be permitted.

The compensation check will be written to the University for the cash collections by the successful offeror. The cash compensation check should be made payable to the University of Kentucky and mailed to the following address within ten (10) days after the close of each month:

University Of Kentucky  
The 90, Room 204  
440 Hilltop Avenue  
Lexington, Kentucky 40506

**Machine Installation/Removal**

It will be the responsibility of the successful offeror to install any new machines and remove any non-working machines. Before an installation/removal takes place this service shall be scheduled with the University. Any damage incurred by the University as a result of this process will be repaired at the successful offerors’ expense. Location of any new machines will be the discretion of the University and the University reserves the right to request the successful offeror adjust service as needs develop.

**Machine Relocation**

The University may require the routine relocation or removal of a machine for the purpose of performing maintenance, modifying facilities, changing use of a facility, avoiding electrical problems, and many other purposes. The successful offeror shall relocate or remove a machine within seven (7) workdays after receipt of a routine relocation or removal request from the University. The University may require the emergency relocation or removal of a machine because it is a hazard to health and safety, or for other reasons. The successful offeror shall relocate or remove a machine within two (2) workdays after receipt of an emergency relocation or removal request from the University.

**Right to Inspect Machines**

A University representative shall have the right to inspect any machine with a successful offerors representative at any reasonable time upon request by the University. A sample inspection form is attachment B.

**Service and Maintenance**

Service and maintenance is of prime importance to the University and it will be expected that preventative maintenance be performed to ensure satisfactory operation and appearance of all machines. The successful offeror will be notified when a machine malfunctions and repair must be
made within 24 hours of notification of equipment malfunction. If repair of the equipment cannot be made within 48 hours of malfunction notification the successful offeror shall remove that piece of equipment and replace it with a like machine in working condition. The successful offeror must also supply professional signs for easy visibility to user for each piece of equipment. Signs must include operating instructions.

Applicable Standards

902 KAR 45:100, Vending machines; food and beverages relating to KRS 217.808-217.812, 219.990(8)

The Vending of Food and Beverages
U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Public Health Service
Food & Drug Administration
Office of Regulatory Affairs
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Pricing

The University of Kentucky reserves the right to approve the initial pricing for all products utilized in the vending machines. Any change in the price of the merchandise vended from the prices set out in this specification, or any change in the quality or unit sizes of the products provided, must have the prior written approval of the University. Price changes will only be considered at the time of contract renewal. Price change requests should be supported by evidence of increased cost to the successful offeror and shall be submitted to the Purchasing Division, in writing, sixty (60) days prior to contract renewal. The University will not approve price increases that will merely increase the gross profitability of the successful offeror at the expense of our students, faculty, and staff.

Signs

The successful offeror shall not erect or place on or about the premises any sign without the University’s prior written approval of the location, material, size, design and content.

Commissions

COMMISSIONS TO BE PAID: The successful offeror shall pay a commission on all items sold at the University of Kentucky. The commission check shall be paid within ten (10) calendar days of the end of the month.

COMMISSIONS SHALL BE EARNED ON RECEIPTS THAT ARE STOLEN OR OTHERWISE MISSING: The successful offeror is expected to properly secure the receipts generated through the vending program. In the event that receipts are stolen or otherwise missing, the successful offeror shall pay a commission on these receipts as if they had been collected by the successful offeror.

INTEREST PAYMENTS: If monthly commission payments are not received by the University on the due dates described above, the unpaid commissions shall accrue interest at the lesser of twelve percent (12%) per year at the highest contractual interest rate allowed by the Commonwealth of
Kentucky. All such amounts shall be calculated on a daily basis and shall be due and owing in the same manner and at the same time as the commission payments.
8.0 **FINANCIAL OFFER SUMMARY**

Offerors are to provide a fixed price for the services offered.

8.1 **Mandatory Services**

Please indicate the dollar compensation you are offering to pay the University of Kentucky for the opportunity to provide vending services to the University.

Compensation $___________

**Extended Pricing**

Will you offer this same pricing to other Colleges and Universities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky?

☐ YES  ☐ NO

Will you provide greater discounts if other institutions agree to use the resulting contract from this RFP?

☐ YES  ☐ NO

8.1 **Alternate Pricing**

In addition to the above financial offer, Offeror may submit alternative financial proposals, however the information requested above must be supplied and will be used for proposal evaluation purposes.

**Additional Financial Commitment**

In addition to the financial offers, please propose a financial commitment to assist the University. Options may include a signing bonus, scholarships, internships, commitment to hire University Graduates or a (%) percentage rebate.