



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

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Addendum 1 for RFP 27-06

This addendum answers questions submitted by potential respondents. The University's answers are shown in **RED**.

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1. **Electronic Submission:** Section B (Instructions to Vendors) and Section 35 indicate that USM can accept electronic bid responses as an alternative to sealed bids, though traditional sealed/mailed submissions are encouraged. Can you confirm whether an electronic-only submission (with no accompanying physical/mailed copy) will be considered fully compliant and evaluated equally to a mailed or hand-delivered sealed bid?
 - a. **Electronic submissions are acceptable through the MAGIC Portal, as listed on page 2, item 4.b.ii. Additional Electronic Bid Information can be found on the Current Bids and Sole Source Notices website.**
2. **2. Total Bed/Student Capacity:** Section A states that the Department of Housing and Residence Life has "the capacity to house more than 3,500 students." Can you confirm the current total bed count, and whether this figure represents all residential facilities in scope for this RFP (residence halls, apartment complex, sorority houses, and fraternity houses)?
 - a. **Current bed count is 3,506 and includes all residence halls, apartments, sorority and fraternity houses.**
3. **Scope of Campuses:** Does this RFP cover housing operations for a single USM campus, or multiple campuses (e.g., Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast)? If

multiple campuses are in scope, does USM require a single shared system instance/database across all campuses, or separate instances per campus?

a. **Single campus**

4. **Anticipated Award Date:** Section I (Criteria for Award) outlines the evaluation criteria but does not specify a target award date. Can USM provide an anticipated timeline for when a vendor selection/award decision is expected to be made?

a. **Soon after the closing on the bid**

5. **Vendor Demonstrations:** Section I notes that selected vendors "may be invited to participate in oral presentations" following the initial evaluation. Will there be an opportunity to come on campus for an on-site demo? Additionally, is there an anticipated timeframe for when these would be scheduled?

a. **Demos are up to the discretion of the project sponsor. If after scoring responses, a demo is needed to make a decision, then the appropriate vendor(s) will be contacted.**