



Request for Proposal

Cremation Services

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Request for Proposal (RFP) Name: Cremation Services

RFP Number: KF060117

Issue Date: June 1, 2017

Brief Description: The University and its Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering are seeking qualified firms to provide cremation services.

Preproposal Questions: Any questions concerning this RFP must be sent to the buyer listed below no later than 3:00 pm EST June 14th, 2017 in order to guarantee a timely response prior to the proposal due date.

Proposal Due Date: All proposals must be received at the Issuing Office by 3:00 p.m., (EDT), June 28, 2017. Firms must submit an original proposal that will be received by the University by the proposal deadline. The original proposal must be submitted either in writing, or alternately submitted via electronic mail to UVA Request for Proposals pur-rfp@eservices.virginia.edu and kaf4b@virginia.edu. All electronic proposal documents, whether originals or copies, should be formatted as Microsoft Word documents.

Any trade secrets or proprietary information submitted with a proposal (original or copy) for which the firm seeks protection from public disclosure must be clearly identified by the specific page and section number in the proposal and accompanied by a suitable justification requesting non-disclosure.

Negotiations: Negotiations, if needed, will be held on July 7, 2017

Expected Award Date: July 10, 2017

Term of Agreement: The term of a resulting Agreement or Purchase Order will be for five years, with the ability to renew on the same or similar terms and conditions, for two additional one-year periods if mutually agreeable to the University and the Selected Firm. The Selected Firm and the University will mutually agree at least 90 days prior to each renewal period whether to renew the terms of the Agreement.

REFER ALL QUESTIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE:

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Department of Procurement and Supplier Diversity Services
1001 North Emmet St, Carruthers Hall
P.O. Box 400202
Charlottesville, VA 22904-4202
Attention: Kristin Floyd
Phone: 434-982-2636
Email: kaf4b@virginia.edu

NOTE 1: If RFP proposal is sent U.S. Postal Service, use the P. O. Box. The University does not take responsibility for lost or misdirected mail.

NOTE 2: During the RFP process, all communication must be directed to the buyer listed above, with the exception of issues directly related to SWAM business and SWAM subcontracting opportunities. Such SWAM issues may be alternately directed to Les Haughton, Director Supplier Diversity, at (434) 924-7174 or SWAM@virginia.edu. Any failure to adhere to this requirement may result in the rejection of the firm's proposal or cancellation of the RFP.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) has been posted on Procurement and Supplier Diversity Services web site for your convenience. Addenda and attachments are posted if issued. The RFP can be downloaded at this web site:

<http://www.procurement.virginia.edu/pagerfp>. It is the firm’s responsibility to ensure that the latest version of the entire RFP and related links are reviewed prior to submission of a proposal. We encourage you to check the web site frequently for any changes prior to the due date. Call (434) 924-1346 if you have trouble accessing the RFP from the web. For questions about the content of the RFP, contact the buyer listed above. Additional information can be found on Procurement and Supplier Diversity Services web site: <http://www.procurement.virginia.edu>.

For ease of reference, each firm or individual receiving this RFP is referred to as a “firm” and the firm or individual selected to provide services for the University is referred to as the “Selected Firm.” This RFP states the instructions for submitting proposals and the procedure and criteria by which a firm may be selected.

B. SCOPE OF GOODS & SERVICES

The scope of this RFP will be solely dependent on the needs of the specific projects and will produce data for organizations of which the University is under contract. Each project may have different cremation services requirements.

It is our intent to award to multiple vendors who represent the best value proposition for the University. Vendors will be responsible for the cremation of the post mortem subject and/or cadaveric components and will be required to maintain documentation required by local and federal laws.

Cremation services are being solicited for both whole post mortem human subjects and for cadaveric components. All whole donors and/or components are obtained from certified donor programs within the Commonwealth of Virginia and from around the United States. No foreign sourced donors are involved.

Please provide pricing for the following goods/services:

Item	Cost
Cremation services	
Cremation tray	
Transportation from site to vendor, if available	
Cremains container	
Other costs not included above	

Cremains will be collected by a university staff member within two weeks of cremation.

Eligible vendors must conduct business within 10 miles of the Charlottesville City limits.

C. BASIS OF SELECTION

Proposals will be evaluated based upon the overall merits/value of the proposal including, but not limited to, price. The University will evaluate proposals, and if a firm is to be selected, select the firm on the basis of:

1. The firm's plan to provide the University with the products as described in the Scope of Good and Services section;
2. The firm's experience in providing Goods and Services similar to those described in this RFP, to include the firm's references from clients;
3. The firm's price proposal; and
4. The firm's Small, Woman-owned and Minority-owned (SWAM) business status and/or the firm's plan for utilization of SWAM businesses. For more information about SWAM and the University's SWAM plan, please see the letter in Attachment 1 and refer to the following site:
www.procurement.virginia.edu/main/publicpostings/rfp/SWAMplan.pdf

Note 1: A 10% minimum weight will be given to this criterion in evaluating proposals.

Note 2: Any questions related to SWAM business and SWAM subcontracting opportunities can be directed to Les Haughton, Director Supplier Diversity, at (434) 924-7174 or lh7sn@virginia.edu.

D. CONTENTS OF PROPOSAL

Proposals will be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis will be on completeness and clarity of content, and will be organized in the order in which the requirements are presented in the RFP.

Unnecessarily elaborate brochures and other presentations beyond that sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired and may be construed as an indication of the firms' lack of cost consciousness. Elaborate artwork, expensive paper and bindings, and expensive visual and other presentation aids are neither necessary nor desired.

Firms will provide the following information:

1. A detailed description and the full specifications of the product/equipment proposed. Each firm will indicate in its proposal the firm's ability to achieve/comply with each specification. In the event that the firm wishes to propose an alternate specification that, in any way, differs from the above specifications, the firm will detail the proposed change(s) and how the proposed change would compare to the listed specification. Proposals

will be formatted in such a way to address each of the above specifications in a line-by-line process.

2. A brief history of the firm and its experience, qualifications and success in providing the type of product requested.
4. Information on the warranty associated with the product the firm is proposing and any extended warranty (include the price) that might be available.
5. The firm's proposed price / fee for providing the Goods and Services, to include shipping charges (the University's shipping terms are FOB Destination).
6. The firm's Small, Woman-owned and Minority-owned (SWAM) businesses status and/or how the firm intends to utilize SWAM firms in regards to this particular procurement.
7. Complete and return the information requested in Attachment 2, Firm Information.

NOTE: Virginia Freedom of Information Act

Except as provided, once an award is announced, all proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be open to inspection by any citizen, or interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a firm prior to or as part of its proposal will not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act only under the following circumstances: (1) the appropriate information is clearly identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining; (2) only the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that constitute trade secrets or proprietary information are identified; and (3) a summary page is supplied immediately following the proposal title page that includes (a) the information to be protected, (b) the section(s)/page number(s) where this information is found in the proposal, and (c) a statement why protection is necessary for each section listed. The firm must also provide a separate electronic copy of the proposal (CD, etc.) with the trade secrets and/or proprietary information redacted. *If all of these requirements are not met, then the firm's entire proposal will be available for public inspection.*

IMPORTANT: A firm may not request that its entire proposal be treated as a trade secret or proprietary information, nor may a firm request that its pricing/fees be treated as a trade secret or proprietary information, or otherwise be deemed confidential.

E. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This solicitation and any subsequent award is subject to:

- The Selected Firm registering as a vendor with the University of Virginia. <https://www.procurement.virginia.edu/pagevendorregistrationform>

- Unless otherwise deemed appropriate by the University, the Selected Firm(s) will enroll in one of the University approved methods for receipt of electronic payments. Accordingly, the Selected Firm agrees to accept Bank of America's ("BoA") ePayables® method of electronic payment or BoA's PayMode® method of electronic payment.
- The Selected Firm registering and accepting eVA Terms and Conditions prior to award.
<http://www.eva.virginia.gov/>
- The University's Mandatory Contractual Provisions:
<http://www.procurement.virginia.edu/main/publicpostings/rfp/mandatoryprovisions.pdf>
- The University's Preferred Contractual Provisions:
<http://www.procurement.virginia.edu/main/publicpostings/rfp/preferredprovisions.pdf>

Note: Unless a firm *expressly and specifically states its exception* to any of the Preferred Provisions in its written proposal, then the proposal from the firm will automatically be deemed to include those Provisions.

- The University's Procedure for Resolution of Contractual Claims
<http://www.procurement.virginia.edu/main/publicpostings/rfp/resolution.pdf>

F. OTHER INFORMATION

Insurance

Listed below is the insurance the Selected Firm must maintain under any Agreement resulting from this RFP. In no event should the Selected Firm construe these minimum required limits to be its limit of liability to the University. The Selected Firm will maintain insurance which meets or exceeds the requirements of the University with insurance companies that hold at least an A- financial rating with A.M. Best Company. No Agreement will be executed by the University until the Selected Firm satisfies the insurance requirements of the University. The Selected Firm may be required to provide the University with a valid Certificate of Insurance before providing any goods or services to the University. The University reserves the right to approve any insurance proposed by the Selected Firm.

Comprehensive Commercial General Liability:

The Selected Firm and any Subcontractor will maintain a minimum combined single Limit of Liability for bodily injury and property damage of \$500,000 per occurrence, with coverage for premises and operations.

Automobile Insurance:

The Selected Firm and any Subcontractor will provide a minimum combined single Limit of Liability for bodily injury and property damage of \$500,000 per accident on all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles operated by their employees.

*Additional Insured:

The University will be named as an Additional Insured, and the proper name is: "The Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, its officers, employees, and agents."

Formation of the Agreement with the Selected Firm

All proposals received will first be carefully evaluated by the University, and then the University intends to conduct negotiations with two or more firms. After negotiations have been conducted, if the University chooses to make award, the University will select the firm which, in its opinion, best meets the needs of the University. Alternately, if the University determines in writing and in its sole discretion that only one firm is fully qualified, or that one firm is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, it may decide to negotiate and award an agreement to that single firm. In either event, the University intends to execute a mutually satisfactory written agreement which will reflect and largely incorporate this RFP as reconciled with any pertinent documents, such as the proposal submitted and relevant negotiation correspondence.

Because the University may choose to negotiate and award to a single firm as discussed above, each firm must include in its written proposal all requirements, terms or conditions it may have, and should not assume that an opportunity will exist to add such matters after the proposal is submitted.

Any firm(s) invited to negotiations should note that the University reserves the right to begin negotiations by combining the best aspects of submitted proposals from all responding firms as the basis for subsequent formation of any Agreement resulting from this RFP.

Firms should also note that, as described above, certain matters will automatically be deemed part of the proposal.

Attachment 1

Vice President for Finance's Request for Commitment

Greetings:

The University of Virginia is able to deliver excellent education, research, healthcare, and public service because of the high value support from you and all our suppliers of goods and services. Thank you for sharing our commitment to excellence. As a University, we are committed to diversity within our students, our faculty and staff, and our vendors and contractors. An important part of our procurement program involves our commitment to doing business with small, women- and minority-owned (SWaM) businesses. We look to you to help us achieve this objective.

We currently have a substantial volume of activity with small firms; however, we are striving to increase the number of substantial, long-term business relationships with minority- and women-owned businesses. We need your help here.

I have two requests: First, I ask that you actively seek out opportunities to involve small, women- and minority-owned businesses as you deliver services to UVA. Our team in Procurement and Supplier Diversity Services will assist you in identifying qualified diverse business partners. Second, please report your success in this area through our quarterly subcontracting reports – this is critical in quantifying how well we are meeting our goals. The terms and conditions previously provided to your organization outlined this process.

This effort is important to the University. We truly appreciate your efforts to join us in this commitment and partnership towards excellence.

Sincerely,



Melody Bianchetto
Vice President for Finance

Attachment 2
Firm Information

Full Legal Name (*Company name as it appears with its Federal Taxpayer Number*):

Address:

Telephone Number

FAX Number:

Web Address:

Email Address:

DUNS Number:

SWAM Information:

Is the firm certified with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Small Business & Supplier Diversity (SBSD): Yes No

Minority-Owned Business: Yes No

Women-Owned Business: Yes No

Small-Owned Business: Yes No

Is the firm registered as a vendor in the Commonwealth of Virginia's e-procurement system (eVA)? Yes No

Point of Contact for this Proposal:

Name:

Address:

Office No.

Mobile No.

FAX No.

Email Address: