

**November 8, 2024**

Dear Property Owner or Agent:

The State of South Carolina is seeking warehouse space in Lexington or Richland County. Attached is a summary of specifications and lease criteria. You are invited to submit a proposal to lease property to the State which may meet the criteria.

All proposals must be received by the Department of Administration, Real Property Services on or before **4:00 PM, December 2, 2024**.

The agency and Real Property Services will determine which proposals best suit the agency's needs. After the deadline, we will review all proposals submitted. Should your proposal be of interest, you will be contacted to schedule a meeting and view the property.

All inquiries regarding this lease solicitation should be directed to Real Property Services via e-mail at [rps@admin.sc.gov](mailto:rps@admin.sc.gov).

To be eligible to submit a proposal, a property owner or agent must have submitted to Real Property Services a receipt and acknowledgment of S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, §§1-11-55, 1-11-56, and 1-11-65 and S.C. Code of Regulations, §19-447.1000. If you have not done so and wish to respond with a proposal, you may download the applicable form from our website at: [FMPS-202C.docx](#).

Sincerely,

Real Property Services



**REQUEST FOR LEASE PROPOSAL FOR  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**WAREHOUSE SPACE IN LEXINGTON OR RICHLAND COUNTY**

No lease agreement with the State is final without the approval of designated authorities as governed by South Carolina law. Real Property Services reserves the right to negotiate lease terms with submitting parties until such final approval is granted. State law prohibits any party participating in this solicitation process from making direct contact with the agency seeking space until a final lease has been approved. All correspondence should be directed to Real Property Services. Prior to lease negotiation, Landlord may be required to provide a list of all partners or members where Landlord is an LLC or partnership (to include all tiers so that individuals are named).

Properties selected for site visits will be chosen based on a cost analysis of the submitted proposals, the responsiveness of the proposals to the stated requirements, and the space efficiency of proposed floor plans submitted; therefore, best proposals should be submitted initially.

**LEASE CRITERIA – SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Location: Lexington or Richland County
- Expected occupancy date: **December 2024**
- Total space needed is approximately 8,500-9,500 rentable square feet +/- depending on circulation and common area factor. Please include both rentable and usable square feet in proposal and include the common area factor (%).
- Ideal set up should include, but is not limited to:
  - Open warehouse storage space with a ceiling height of at least 12 feet to store office furniture and supplies and segregated and secured from other tenants.
  - A minimum of two loading docks preferred.
  - Floor must be capable of supporting forklift.
  - Must have a restroom.
- Landlord will allow Tenant to install electronic access card system at Tenant's sole cost.
- Landlord is responsible for ensuring that any space proposed meets all American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and shall be responsible for all costs associated with ADA compliance.
- Cabling with all terminations by the Landlord. All phone/data connections, electrical and other outlets to be provided by the Landlord throughout the space as specified by Agency.
- 3 parking spaces are required. State availability of reserved parking.
- Parking lot must be paved and lighted.
- Term: Please provide proposed rates for 1, 3, 5 and 7-year terms with optional extensions.
- Proposals should be for a GROSS lease to include all operating expenses, including utilities, janitorial services and supplies, grounds maintenance, repairs, taxes, insurance, general building maintenance, building equipment maintenance, electrical systems maintenance, HVAC maintenance, plumbing maintenance and any other service necessary to maintain and operate all building and site improvements.
- The following proposals are not preferred and may be eliminated from consideration. Proposals that require:
  - the pass-through of any increases in operating expenses above the amount included in the rent rate.
  - reimbursement of tenant improvement costs upon early termination
  - use of a lease form that differs from the Standard State Lease form (standard state lease form [found here](#) or available upon request).

## **MINIMUM STATE REQUIREMENTS**

- Property must be barrier free, hazard free and smoke free.
- Property must meet zoning requirements for proposed use.
- Economical and efficient space utilization.

## **PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND REMITTANCE INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Please submit proposals to the Department of Administration, Real Property Services on or before **4:00 PM, December 2, 2024**.
- All proposals must be in writing and may be submitted by mail or e-mail. (It is agent's responsibility to ensure receipt). Please submit proposals on the [FMPS-202E form](#).
- Proposals should specify floor usable and rentable square feet (if applicable) and should be calculated according to the ANSI/BOMA-Z65.1-1996 standard.
- Please attach a proposed floor plan.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

All information and questions should be directed to Real Property Services – no direct contact can be made with South Carolina Department of Social Services. Direct contact can be cause for automatic disqualification.

## **RETURN PROPOSALS AND DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO:**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
REAL PROPERTY SERVICES  
1200 SENATE STREET, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
COLUMBIA, SC 29201  
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