

May 8, 2025

Dear Property Owner or Agent:

The State of South Carolina is seeking office space in Dorchester 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.

Please submit proposals to the Department of Administration, Real Property Services on or before **4:00 PM, May 21, 2025.**

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.

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
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

OFFICE SPACE IN DORCHESTER 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 – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- Location: Dorchester County, Summerville, South Carolina.
- Expected occupancy date: January 1, 2026.
- Total space needed is approximately 7,000-8,000 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:
 - 18 private offices for professional staff of approximately 120 square feet each.
 - 1 open area for 21 workstations of approximately 64 square feet each. Tenant responsible for installing workstations and Landlord responsible for connecting electricity to workstations.
 - 1 medium sized reception area, to accommodate up to 6 people of approximately 100 square feet.
 - 1 beverage alcove (6 linear feet of cabinet with U.C. refrigerator, sink and microwave of approximately 24 square feet)
 - 1 break room (to include sink and counter tops) to accommodate 10 people at a time of approximately 200 square feet.
 - 1 print alcove with 8 linear feet of upper and lower cabinets for supply storage and printer of approximately 40 square feet.
 - 1 room for dedicated floor mounted printer, storage and mail slots of approximately 200 square feet.
 - 1 LAN Room for floor mounted racks of approximately 100 square feet.
 - 1 storage closet of approximately 50 square feet.
 - 1 storage room of approximately 120 square feet.
 - 1 storage room of approximately 180 square feet.
 - 1 large storage room of approximately 250 square feet.
 - 1 large conference room with seating for 12 people of approximately 350 square feet.
- 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.
- Access to Demised Premises required 24/7/365.
- 69 parking spaces are required. State availability of reserved parking.
- Parking lot must be paved and lighted.

- Term: Please provide proposed rates for 3, 5, 7 or 10-year terms.
- Proposals for a GROSS lease are preferred (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). Tenant will consider direct pay for utilities and janitorial services please identify if excluded from rate.
- 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, May 21, 2025.**
- 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 [Department of Transportation](#). Direct contact can be cause for automatic disqualification.

RETURN PROPOSALS AND DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO:

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
 REAL PROPERTY SERVICES
 1200 SENATE STREET, 6th Floor
 COLUMBIA, SC 29201
 PHONE: 803-737-0644 or 803-737-8731; FAX: 803-737-0592
 EMAIL: rps@admin.sc.gov