

 <p>THE CITADEL</p>	<p>Request For Quote Date Issued Procurement Officer Phone E-Mail Address</p>	<p>RFQ 21009-SB Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Scott Brechtel, CPPO 843-953-2737 sbrechtel@citadel.edu</p>
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DESCRIPTION: The Citadel is seeking written quotes for eight hundred (800) mini blinds that conform to the following specifications. This RFQ is issued for the blinds ONLY and installation services are NOT part of this solicitation

- Offeror shall furnish complete blinds along with all necessary mounting and blind operating hardware. Blinds shall have a steel head rail with vinyl or aluminum slats. Steel shall be coated with a baked-on finish color that coordinates with the color of the slats. The head rail shall be steel; no vinyl head rails will be accepted or considered as a substitute.
- Dimension required is forty-four and one-half inches wide by eighty-seven inches high (44.5”w X 87”h) along with sixty inch (60”) wands. Dimensions are outside to outside of the blind head rail; the stated width of the blinds is a net/finished measurement. DO NOT subtract one-half inch (0.5”) from stated measurements.
- Quantity required is eight hundred (800)
- Blinds must be able to be surface mounted and not strictly recessed mounted.
- Mini blind head rail shall be ‘U’ shaped steel, nominally one inch (1”) high by one inch (1”) wide, and include all hardware enclosed in head rail. The steel shall be coated with a baked-on finish color that coordinates with the color of the slats.
- Slats are to be vinyl or aluminum with a "snap back" crease free and kink free resistance. Nominal one inch (1”) wide by 0.016” thick, crowned to ensure tight closure and eliminate sag. Edges shall be rounded and free from burrs. Appearance shall be a matt finish.
- Guardian tilter shall be a steel housing with self-lubricating nylon automatically disengaging worm & gear mechanism to eliminate overdrive.
- Cord lock shall be 0.031” thick coated steel, crash proof. Steel shall be coated with a baked-on finish color that coordinates with the color of the slats.
- Cord shall be braided polyester jacket with filler 0.05” diameter and color coordinated to slats. Cord shall measure 50% of the length of the blind in the lowered position and shall be mounted on the right side as you face the blind. Cord pull to be molded vinyl, color coordinated to match the slats.
- Drums and cradles shall be provided with each ladder. Drums are to be made of engineered polymer and cradles of 0.042” coated steel. Steel shall be coated with a baked-on finish color that coordinates with the color of the slats
- Ladders (slat supports) shall have a distance between slats that does not exceed 0.85” (21.5mm) nominally, with fourteen (14) slats per vertical foot. Ladders shall be made of braided polyester, color coded to the slats. Distance between ladders shall be no more than seventeen inches (17”) for vinyl and twenty-two inches (22”) for aluminum to provide support
- Installation brackets shall be coated steel with rivet-hinged safety locking front cover to prevent removal of head rail without lateral movement. Steel shall be coated with a baked-on finish color that coordinates with the color of the slats. Brackets shall be universal mount concealed brackets for face or overhead installation. Two end brackets shall be furnished along with an additional center support bracket.

- Bottom rail shall be 0.031” thick coated steel, nominal one inch (1”) wide with vinyl safety end caps to prevent injury/damage. Steel shall be coated with a baked-on finish color that coordinates with the color of the slats.
- Tilt wand shall be transparent with fluted or hexagonal cross-section approximately 5/16” diameter. It shall be mounted on the left side of the blind as you face it, and all blinds are to have sixty inch (60”) wands. All blinds are to have hook and loop wand to blind attachment, **NO** snap clips will be accepted.
- Blind color shall be almond, off-white or Alabaster.
- These reference manufacturers and models are provided as a basis of comparison to represent the general level of quality and performance required, but are not meant to be limiting or restrictive, so offerors are able to submit any model that meets these specifications. If deemed necessary by the College, offerors may be required to submit a sample for evaluation at no cost to The Citadel.
 - Lotus & Windoware Inc.; one inch (1”) vinyl mini blind (nonleaded formula)
 - Franklin; one inch (1”) vinyl plus stock mini blind
 - Dynamic Ultra; one inch (1”) horizontal vinyl or aluminum blind

SUBMIT WRITTEN QUOTE by: Thursday, January 14, 2020 at 2:00 PM via email attachment to the Procurement Officer listed above.

QUESTIONS: All questions regarding this quote request shall be submitted in writing to the email address of the Procurement Officer listed above at least two (2) business days before quotes are due.

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
One inch (1”) mini blinds	800		
Freight	1		
		TOTAL	

Vendors who are claiming preferences must make it clear which preferences are being requested and include a signed copy of this page with their quote.

US End Product _____ **SC End Product** _____ **Resident Vendor** _____

PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences. **ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU'VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.** [11-35-1524(E)(4)&(6)]

PREFERENCES - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE: Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C) (1) (i) & (ii)) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C) (1) (iii)). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).
 ___ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address
 ___ In-State Office Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for Offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause) <hr/> Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile <hr/> E-mail Address
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You must submit a signed copy of this form with your quote if claiming any vendor preferences.

NAME OF OFFEROR (Full legal name of business submitting the offer)	Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, <i>i.e.</i> , a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE <small>(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)</small>	DATE SIGNED
PRINTED NAME & TITLE (Name and Business title of person signing above)	STATE VENDOR NO. <small>(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)</small>
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.	STATE OF INCORPORATION <small>(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation)</small>