

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

***Request for Proposals (RFP) 19-32
Reduced Water Usage Intelligent Irrigation Systems
for Mississippi State University***

ISSUE DATE: April 23, 2019

ISSUING AGENCY: Office of Procurement and Contracts
Mississippi State University
610 McArthur Hall
245 Barr Avenue
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Sealed Proposals, subject to the conditions made a part hereof, will be received until **2:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the MSU Office of Procurement and Contracts, same address above**, for furnishing services and potentially, optional services as described herein.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Indicate firm name, and RFP number on the front of each sealed proposal envelope or package.

All inquiries concerning this RFP should be directed to:

Jay Rester
Office of Procurement and Contracts (Same address above)
jrester@procurement.msstate.edu
662-325-2550

- A. Any addendum associated with this RFP will be posted at <http://www.procurement.msstate.edu/procurement/bids/index.php> located under RFP 19-32.
- B. **Note 2:** It is the respondent's responsibility to assure that all addenda have been reviewed and if applicable, signed and returned.
- C. **BLIND EVALUATION - Due to a recent law change (Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, 31-7-417) evaluations will be conducted using a blind evaluation process. This means that any and all items that would identify the vendor must be removed from the Technical Response. This includes, but is not limited to: vendor name, logos, product names, and personnel names. If any of this information is found in the technical response before the evaluation has started, it could mean disqualification for that vendor. If the information is discovered during the evaluation, the RFP will be canceled. It is the respondent's responsibility to ensure that all identifying information has been removed.**

1) UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW

- a) Mississippi State University (MSU) is a comprehensive land grant university of 21,500+ students and approximately 5,000 faculty and staff. The main campus is located adjacent to the community of Starkville in northeast Mississippi, with a remote campus located in Meridian with an enrollment of around 700 students. Additionally, the university operates several remote agricultural experiment stations and has an Extension office located in each of the eighty-two Mississippi counties.
- b) MSU currently operates a research facility in Stoneville, MS, referred to as the Delta Research and Extension Center (DREC). This campus contains administrative, agricultural research, aquaculture research, and timber facilities dispersed over 4,800 acres.
- c) MSU plans to install new irrigation systems at the Stoneville DREC facility as funds become available. The intent is to procure systems that will increase the efficiency of irrigation by using computer programming to distribute the appropriate amount of water to different locations in the field. This would allow for greater water for those crops and soil types which require greater water and less water for those that do not require additional water. It is anticipated the equipment will be able to differentiate and provide different water levels within specified parameters. This RFP for the DREC branch, will consist of 3 different irrigation systems, providing the technical capabilities and parameters as outlined in Section 3 – Scope of Services Required. MSU intends to do additional RFP’s for other sites in the future. The requirements for future sites may be impacted by the results of the DREC site but it is important to realize that MSU is a Research institution and therefore may desire to evaluate different types of equipment on future projects. The ability to conduct this research may be considered evaluation criteria on future RFP’s.
- d) Additional information about MSU can be found at our website www.msstate.edu.

2) INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL ON RFP

Mississippi State University is seeking proposals from qualified organizations which can provide irrigation systems that use “state of the art” computer and mechanical technologies to regulate water flow depending on such variables as crop and soil type, in accordance with the requirements set forth herein.

3) SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

- a) The contractor will agree to provide its best efforts in performing the work set forth herein and within the estimates provided herein.
- b) The contractor will provide estimates to fully deliver the following irrigation systems:

Irrigation System 1

Furnish, assemble and put in operation one (1) new center pivot irrigation system and one (1) new lateral/linear move irrigation system including an appropriate sized chemigation/fertigation system, and a variable frequency drive (VFD) pump control panel. One well and underground pipeline, manual valves and risers will be contracted separately to provide water to both of these irrigation systems so each can be run separately or simultaneously as needed. These systems are to irrigate one approximately 10.4 acre field (DREC_Pivot) and one approximately 8.4 acre field (DREC_North_Lat_2) located in mostly the SW ¼ SE ¼, Section 10, T 18 N, R7W in Washington County, Mississippi (System 1 map).

The sprinkler irrigation systems shall be “state of the art” and manufactured and installed by an experienced manufacturer/dealer with a minimum of five years’ experience. These irrigation systems will be designed to meet crop water demands and also may be used for crop and/or soil cooling and applications of chemicals and/or nutrients.

Cropping systems will be soybean, cotton, and corn. The soil type at the DREC_Pivot is predominantly Bosket VFSL (Intake Family – 0.5) while at DREC_North_Lat_2 the soil is a mixture of Bosket VFSL, Commerce SiL & SiCL, and Sharkey C (Intake Families 0.5, 0.3, and NA, respectively). The two fields were put to grade prior to 1980 for furrow irrigation, probably designed to move the least amount of soil. DREC_Pivot elevation change is approximately 3 ft while DREC_North_Lat_2 elevation change is approximately 2 ft or less. The total length of DREC_Pivot is approximately 380’ and will irrigate a complete circle. The total length of DREC_North_Lat_2 is approximately 440 ft to irrigate a 426 ft wide x 860 ft long area. Tire size and tower configuration shall be sized/designed to minimize rutting in these soils.

The irrigation systems and their control panels should have variable rate irrigation (VRI) capability (system speed control and nozzle control).

General criteria for the design, construction, and installation of the sprinkler systems shall follow the Mississippi NRCS Conservation Practice Standards (Sprinkler System 442) as given in Appendix A.

For research purposes and manpower availability, the system output should be capable of applying ¾ inch/acre in approximately 10 hours to DREC_Pivot and ¾ inch/acre in approximately 14 hours to DREC_North_Lat_2 (~860 ft run).

Also, for research purposes, the nozzle spacing and wetted area of each nozzle has to apply a uniform application of water to the middle 4 to 6 rows of a plot/area while not applying any

water to the middle 4 to 6 rows of an adjacent plot that may be receiving less or no water at that irrigation. Potential plot widths are in multiples of 4 - 40 inch rows. eg: 12 row (40 ft), 16 row (53.3 ft), 20 row (66.6 ft)... So, while maintaining uniform water application, maximizing infiltration, and minimizing runoff, the nozzle spacing and nozzle selection should minimize the wetted area to minimize research plot area. So, we would prefer a 16 row plot rather than a 20 row plot.

DREC_Pivot should have two spans, one relatively short span at pivot point and one large span with little or no overhang and no end gun. Spans and overhang (no end gun) for DREC_North_Lat_2 should be selected that fit multiple plot widths while minimizing wasted space (row areas that cannot be used for plots). Preferably, the tower tire tracks will run through the edge of a plot, or in a 4 row border but should not go through the middle of a plot.

The preferred guidance of DREC_North_Lat_2 would be buried cable. A hydrant and supply hose should be furnished to convey water from the riser valves to the lateral/linear move irrigation system. A riser will be located adjacent to the field (near the middle) along the north side of the field.

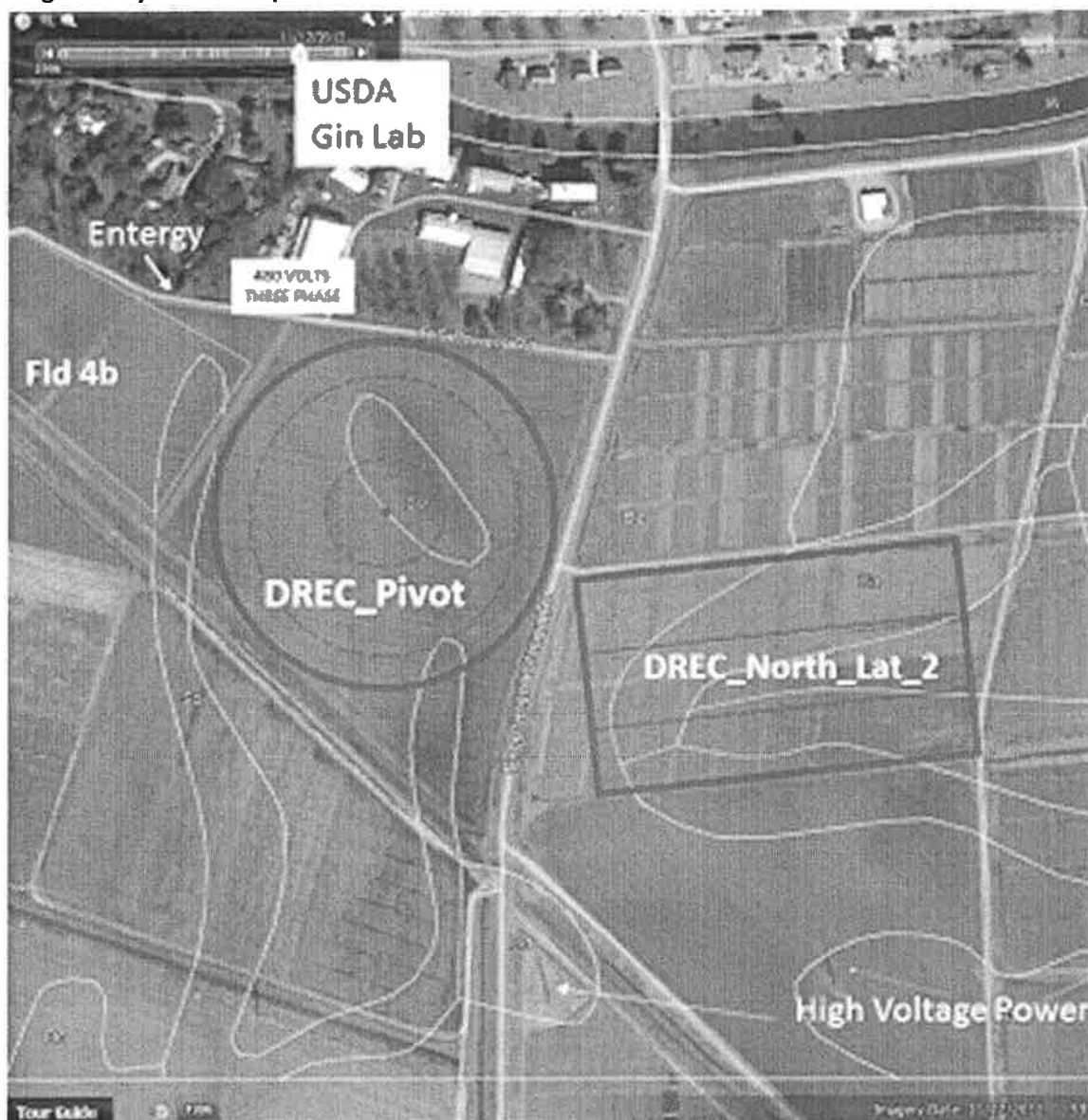
An appropriately sized chemigation/fertigation injection system adjacent to the pump and power unit should be furnished and installed in accordance with state regulations. The unit should comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations regarding backflow and anti-siphon prevention measures.

A Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) pump control panel should be furnished and installed that provides a pressure compensation system to control pump speed. The VFD panel should have the capability for remote monitoring of flow, pressure, pump status and enable customer to turn the pump on or off.

The capability of remote monitoring and remote control of the entire irrigation system (both DREC_Pivot, DREC_North_Lat_2 and well) should be provided.

Power shall be 480 volt, 3 phase, 60 hertz and will be provided by Mississippi State University at the NNW end of the DREC_Pivot field, South of the USDA Gin Lab.

Irrigation System 1 Map:



Irrigation System 2

Furnish, assemble and put in operation one (1) new lateral/linear move irrigation system to replace the existing lateral move irrigation system. This system is to irrigate four (approximately 7 to 8 acre) fields located in the NE ¼ & SE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 10, T 18 N, R7W in Washington County, Mississippi and this unit will be referred to as “DREC North Lat 1” (System 2 map). The trade-in value of an existing four-span with overhang lateral move irrigation system (1984 Lindsay Zimmatic) should be assessed, disassembled and removed as part of this proposal.

The sprinkler irrigation system shall be “state of the art” and manufactured and installed by an experienced manufacturer/dealer with a minimum of five years’ experience. These irrigation systems will be designed to meet crop water demands and also may be used for crop and/or soil cooling and applications of chemicals and/or nutrients.

Cropping systems will be soybean, cotton, and corn. Soils – 12% Bosket VFSL; 23% Dubbs SiL; 33% Commerce SiCL; 26% Sharkey/Dowling SiCL; 6% Tunica C - Intake family – 0.5; 0.3; 0.3; NA; NA; respectively. The four fields were put to grade prior to 1980 for furrow irrigation, probably designed to move the least amount of soil. The elevation change is approximately 4 ft. The total length of the system is approximately 735 ft to irrigate 720 ft wide x 1800 ft long area. Tire size and tower configuration shall be sized/designed to minimize rutting in this Sharkey Clay soil.

The irrigation system and control panel should have variable rate irrigation (VRI) capability (system speed control and nozzle control).

General criteria for the design, construction, and installation of the sprinkler systems shall follow the Mississippi NRCS Conservation Practice Standards (Sprinkler System 442) as given in Appendix A.

For research purpose and manpower available, the system output should be capable of applying 3/4 inch/acre in approximately 6.5 hours to each field (~428 ft run).

Also, for research purposes, the nozzle spacing and wetted area of each nozzle has to apply a uniform application of water to the middle 4 to 6 rows of a plot while not applying any water to the middle 4 to 6 rows of an adjacent plot that may be receiving less or no water at that irrigation. Potential plot widths are in multiples of 4 - 40 inch rows. eg: 12 row (40 ft), 16 row (53.3 ft), 20 row (66.6 ft)... So, while maintaining uniform water application, maximizing infiltration, and minimizing runoff, the nozzle spacing and nozzle selection should minimize

the wetted area to minimize research plot width. So, we would prefer a 16 row plot rather than a 20 row plot.

Spans and overhang (no end gun) should be selected that fit multiple plot widths while minimizing wasted space (row areas that cannot be used for plots). Preferably, the tower tire tracks will run through the edge of a plot, or in a 4 row border but should not go through the middle of a plot.

The preferred guidance of DREC_North_Lat_1 would be buried cable.

The existing 8" underground line (1630 feet, 160 psi IPS PVC) with 4 risers (6" tees) to supply water to each of four fields to be irrigated (System 2 map) will be utilized. A hydrant and supply hose should be furnished to convey water from the 6" riser valves to the lateral/linear move irrigation system.

The existing well will be utilized. A flow test was completed in October 2018 indicating that the well is producing 350 GPM at 54 PSI discharge pressure. The static water level of the well is approximately 25 ft. The pumping level at 350 GPM is approximately 28 ft. The well's estimated average specific capacity is 116 GPM per foot of drawdown.

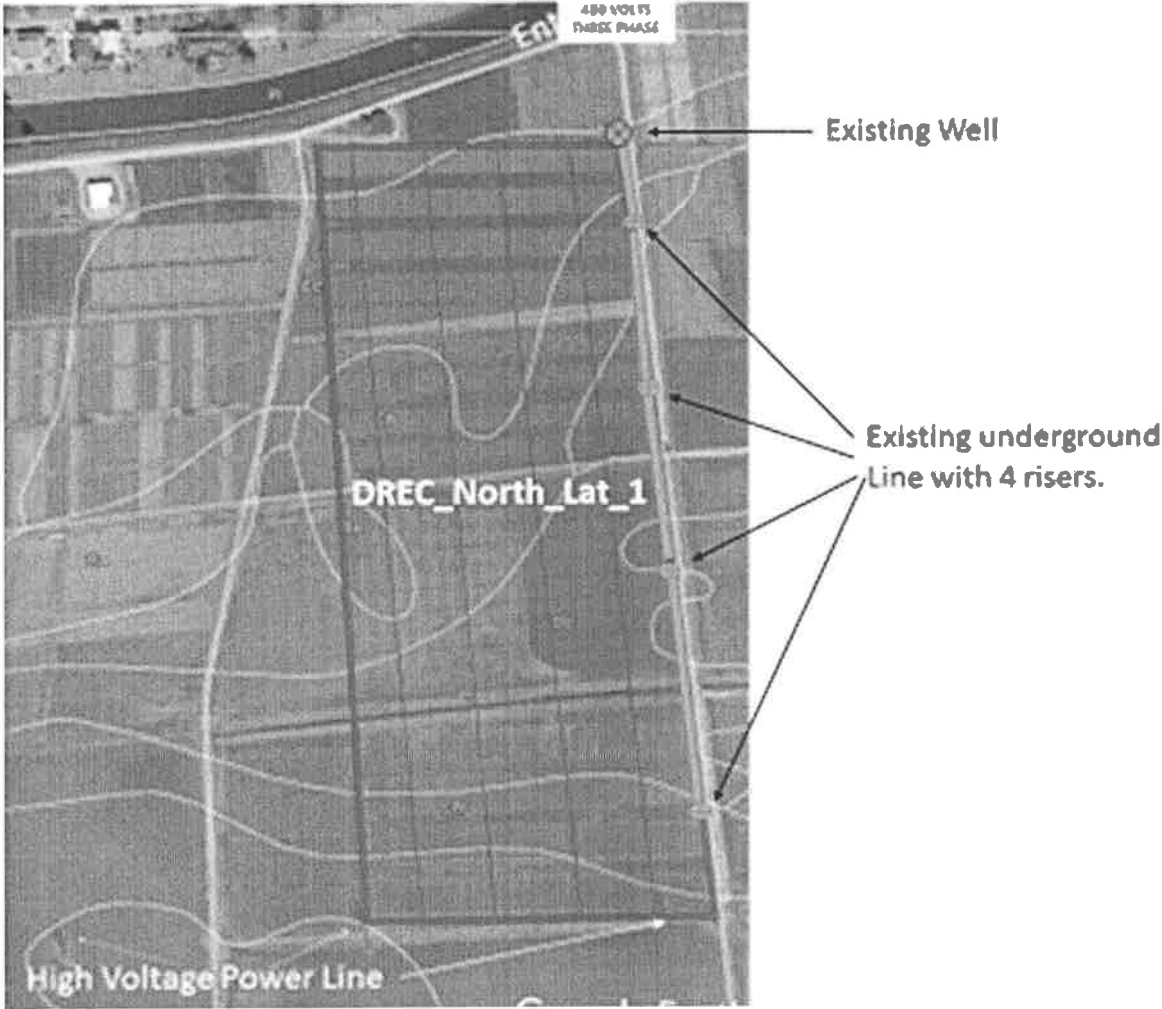
An appropriately sized chemigation/fertigation injection system adjacent to the pump and power unit should be furnished and installed in accordance with state regulations. The unit should comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations regarding backflow and anti-siphon prevention measures.

A Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) pump control panel should be furnished and installed that provides a pressure compensation system to control pump speed. The VFD panel should have the capability for remote monitoring of flow, pressure, pump status and enable customer to turn the pump on or off.

The capability of remote monitoring and remote control of the entire irrigation system should be provided.

Power shall be 480 volt, 3 phase, 60 hertz and will be provided by Mississippi State University approximately 330 ft North of the existing well along Deer Creek.

Irrigation System 2 Map:



Irrigation System 3

Furnish, assemble and put in operation one (1) new lateral/linear move irrigation system. Also, furnish and install a chemigation/fertigation system and a variable frequency drive (VFD) pump control panel. This system is to irrigate two (20 acre) fields located on the SE ¼ SW ¼, Section 16, T 18 N, R7W in Washington County, Mississippi and this unit will be referred to as “DREC South Lat” (System 3 map).

The sprinkler irrigation system shall be “state of the art” and manufactured and installed by an experienced manufacturer/dealer with a minimum of five years’ experience. These irrigation systems will be designed to meet crop water demands and also may be used for crop and/or soil cooling and applications of chemicals and/or nutrients.

Cropping systems will be soybean and potentially cotton, corn, or rice. The predominant soil type is Sharkey Clay (Intake Family – NA – cracking clay soil). The two fields have been precision land formed to a 0.1% slope with no side slope. The linear/lateral elevation change is approximately 2 ft. The total length of the system is approximately 1400’ to irrigate 1390’ wide x 1232’ long area. Tire size and tower configuration shall be sized/designed to minimize rutting in this Sharkey Clay soil.

The irrigation system and control panel should have variable rate irrigation (VRI) capability (system speed control and nozzle control).

General criteria for the design, construction, and installation of the sprinkler systems shall follow the Mississippi NRCS Conservation Practice Standards (Sprinkler System 442) as given in Appendix A.

For research purpose and manpower available, the system output should be capable of applying 3/4 inch/acre in approximately 10 hours to each 20-acre field (~600 ft run).

Also, for research purposes, the nozzle spacing and wetted area of each nozzle has to apply a uniform application of water to the middle 4 to 6 rows of a plot while not applying any water to the middle 4 to 6 rows of an adjacent plot that may be receiving less or no water at that irrigation. Potential plot widths are in multiples of 4 - 40 inch rows. eg: 12 row (40 ft), 16 row (53.3 ft), 20 row (66.6 ft)... So, while maintaining uniform water application, maximizing infiltration, and minimizing runoff, the nozzle spacing and nozzle selection should minimize the wetted area to minimize research plot width. So, we would prefer a 16 row plot rather than a 20 row plot.

Spans and overhang (no end gun) should be selected that fit multiple plot widths while minimizing wasted space (row areas that cannot be used for plots). Preferably, the tower tire tracks will run through the edge of a plot, or in a 4 row border but should not go through the middle of a plot.

The preferred guidance of DREC_South_Lat would be buried cable. A hydrant and supply hose should be furnished to convey water from the riser valves to the lateral/linear move irrigation system. The well and underground pipe and risers will be contracted out separately according to flow and pressure requirements provided for these irrigation systems. A riser will be located adjacent to each field (near the middle) along the south side of the fields.

An appropriately sized chemigation/fertigation injection system adjacent to the pump and power unit should be furnished and installed in accordance with state regulations. The unit should comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations regarding backflow and anti-siphon prevention measures.

A Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) pump control panel should be furnished and installed that provides a pressure compensation system to control pump speed. The VFD panel should have the capability for remote monitoring of flow, pressure, pump status and enable customer to turn the pump on or off.

The capability of remote monitoring and remote control of the entire irrigation system should be provided.

Power shall be 480 volt, 3 phase, 60 hertz and will be provided by Mississippi State University at the South end of the two fields irrigated by the system, along US 82.

Irrigation System 3 Map:



4) INQUIRIES ABOUT RFP

- a) Prospective respondents may make written inquiries concerning this request for proposal to obtain clarification of requirements. Responses to these inquiries may be made by addendum to the Request for Proposal (RFP). Please send your inquiries to Jay Rester via electronic mail at jrester@procurement.mstate.edu
- b) All inquiries should be marked “URGENT INQUIRY. MSU RFP #19-32”

5) ADDENDUM OR SUPPLEMENT TO RFP

- a) In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, an addendum to this RFP will be provided to each respondent who received the original RFP. Respondents shall not rely on any other interpretations, changes or corrections.

6) **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

a) **Issuing Office**

- i) This RFP is issued by the following office:

Office of Procurement and Contracts
Mississippi State University
245 Barr Avenue, 610 McArthur Hall
Mississippi State, MS 39762

b) **Schedule of Critical Dates**

- i) The following dates are for planning purposes only unless otherwise stated in this RFP progress towards their completion is at the sole discretion of the university.

(1) RFP Posted	April 23, 2019
(2) Questions from Vendors Due	May 3, 2019
(3) MSU Q&A Response Due	May 10, 2019
(4) Proposal Submission Deadline – 2:00 p.m.	May 21, 2019
(5) Award Date (Estimated Target)	July 1, 2019
(6) Contract Effective Date	Aug 1, 2019

7) **PROPOSAL CONTENTS**

- a) This is a two-step RFP process. The technical proposals and the cost proposals are to be submitted in separate sealed envelopes. Indicate firm name, RFP# and word “Technical Proposal” on the front of the sealed technical proposal envelope or package. Indicate the firm name, RFP# and the word “Cost Proposal” on the front of the sealed proposal envelope or package.
- b) **Please note that due to blind evaluation law, no identifying information can be included in the technical proposal.**
- c) At a minimum, the following items should be included in the contents of the Technical Proposal:

- i) Cover letter, indicating the scope of the proposal. The letter should include an overview of the services being offered. The letter should include a statement of exceptions to any of the terms and conditions outlined in this RFP. (Cover letter should be no more than 3 pages in length.)
- ii) Corporate Structure and Credentials
 - (1) Number of years of experience
 - (2) Staffing levels and support proposed
 - (3) Examples of similar previous work.
 - (4) Availability of and access to technical support
- iii) Operations and Ability To Perform
 - (1) Provide operation plan. This should include, but not be limited to, acknowledgement and agreement with all requirements as well as explanations, where applicable, of the intended plan to achieve the requirements.
 - (2) Describe what equipment will be provided and how equipment and services will be provided to MSU.
- d) At a minimum, the following items should be included in the contents of the Cost Proposal:
 - i) Purchase price of equipment broken down by parts needed and cost
 - ii) Warranty included
 - iii) Maintenance cost if any

8) DISCUSSIONS/EVALUATION CRITERIA/AWARD PROCESS

- a) MSU reserves the right to conduct discussions with any or all respondents, or to make an award of a contract without such discussions based only on evaluation of the written proposals. MSU reserves the right to contact and interview anyone connected with any past or present projects with which the respondent has been associated. MSU likewise reserves the right to designate a review committee to evaluate the proposals according to the criteria set forth under this section. MSU may make a written determination showing the basis upon which the award was made and such determination shall be included in the procurement file.
- b) MSU reserves the right to award this contract in whole or in part depending on what is in the best interest of MSU with MSU being the sole judge thereof.
- c) The evaluation factors set forth in this section are described as follows:
 - i) Corporate Structure, Credentials, and Prior Experience – MSU will be attempting to determine the probability of future success of the program based upon the organizational structure and proven experience of the proposer.

- ii) Operations and Plan to Perform – MSU will be attempting to determine the probability of success of the program based upon the proposer’s plans for providing the service.
- iii) Projected Financial Cost/financial benefits to MSU and students– This shall be the anticipated financial costs/financial benefits to MSU and students during the term of the contract based upon the proposal.
- d) Failure to attend a requested interview presentation before the committee may result in a proposal not being considered.
- e) Upon award of contract(s), successful respondent(s) will be asked to provide a transition plan and timeline and obtain MSU’s input and concurrence before moving forward.
- f) Proposals will be scored based on the following weights (100 points total):
 - Corporate Structure/Years of Experience/References – 25 pts
 - Operation Plan/Ease of Use/Services Offered – 25 pts
 - Costs – 50 pts.

9) **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

- a) Proposals shall be submitted in two packages (envelopes or boxes) as set forth in Section 7a. **Please make sure that the RFP number is clearly visible on the outside of the package.**
- b) Technical Proposal – One (1) original and one (1) electronic copy (of the complete technical proposal in one pdf file on a flash drive) of parts 7(b)(i) (Cover Letter), 7(b)(ii) (Corporate Structure and Credentials), and 7(b)(iii) (Operations and Ability to Perform) should be sealed in a package with “Technical Proposal” in the lower left hand corner. Each submitted package should be a complete copy. The original shall be marked on the first page “Original”.
- c) Cost Proposal – One (1) original and one (1) electronic copy (of the complete cost proposal in one pdf file on a flash drive). Should be sealed in a package with “Cost Proposal” in the lower left hand corner. Each submitted package should be a complete copy. The original shall be marked on the first page “Original”.
- d) The proposal package must be received on or before **2:00 p.m. on May 21, 2019**. It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that the proposal package arrives in the Procurement and Contracts office on-time. The proposal package should be delivered or sent by mail to:

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Mississippi State University
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Mississippi State, MS 39762

- e) Your response must include the signature page included in this RFP (See Appendix E) and contain the signature of an authorized representative of the respondent's organization. The signature on the "Original" signature page should be in **blue** ink
- f) MSU reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received and to accept any portion of a proposal or all items bid if deemed in the best interest of the University to do so.
- g) **Proposals received after the stated due date and time will be returned unopened. Submission via facsimile or other electronic means will not be accepted.**

10) **TWO-PHASE, BEST AND FINAL OFFER**

- a) If the initial proposals do not provide MSU with a clear and convincing solution, or if MSU feels it is appropriate to offer the potential providers an opportunity to submit revised proposals, MSU reserves the right to use a two-phase approach and/or invite Best and Final Offers (BAFO). Based on the information obtained through the proposal submittals (Phase-One), MSU may choose a specific business model, and potential providers may be asked to submit revised proposals based upon that specific model.
- b) The evaluation committee may develop, for distribution to the top-ranked firms, refined written terms with specific information on what is being requested as a result of information obtained through initial RFP submittal process. Proposers may be asked to reduce cost or provide additional clarification to specific sections of the RFP. Selected proposers are not required to submit a BAFO and may submit a written response notifying the solicitation evaluation committee that their response remains as originally submitted.

11) **TERM OF CONTRACT**

- a) It is MSU's intention to enter into a contract for the purchase and installation of the proposed system at this site.
- b) MSU reserves the right to terminate this agreement with thirty (30) days notice, by the Director of Procurement and Contracts via certified mail to the address listed on the signature page of this RFP (See Appendix E) if any of the terms of the proposal and/or contract are violated.
- c) In the event the contractor fails to carry out and comply with any of the conditions and agreements to be performed under the specifications, MSU will notify the contractor, in writing, of such failure or default. In the event the necessary corrective action has not been completed within a ten (10) day period, the contractor must submit, in writing, why such corrective action has not been performed. The University reserves the right to determine whether or not such noncompliance may be construed as a failure of performance of the contractor.

- d) Termination of contract by contractor without cause can only occur with at least one-hundred and twenty (120) days notice prior to the proposed termination of the contract.
- e) In the event MSU employs attorneys or incurs other expenses it considers necessary to protect or enforce its rights under this contract, the contractor agrees to pay the attorney's fees and expenses so incurred by MSU.

12) ACCEPTANCE TIME

- a) Proposal shall be valid for one-hundred and eighty (180) days following the proposal due date.

13) RFP CANCELLATION

- a) This RFP in no manner obligates MSU to the eventual purchase of any services described, implied or which may be proposed until confirmed by a written contract. Progress towards this end is solely at the discretion of MSU and may be terminated without penalty or obligations at any time prior to the signing of a contract. MSU reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time, for any reason, and to reject any or all proposals or any parts thereof.

14) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR CLAUSE

- a) The contractor shall acknowledge that an independent contractor relationship is established and that the employees of the contractor are not, nor shall they be deemed employees of MSU and that employees of MSU are not, nor shall they be deemed employees of the contractor.

15) OTHER CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- a) **Award Terms:** This contract shall be awarded at the discretion of the University based on the capabilities and overall reputation of the Supplier, as well as the cost. Acceptance shall be confirmed by the issuance of a contract from the University.
- b) **Standard Contract:** The awarded contractor(s) will be expected to enter into a contract that is in substantial compliance with MSU's standard contract http://www.procurement.msstate.edu/pdf/standard_rfp_contract.pdf. Proposal should include any desired changes to the standard contract. It should be noted that there are many clauses which the MSU cannot change (see Standard Addendum <http://www.procurement.msstate.edu/contracts/standardaddendum.pdf>) Significant changes to the standard contract may be cause for rejection of a proposal.
- c) **The Procurement Process:** The following is a general description of the process by which a firm will be selected to fulfill this Request for Proposal.

- i) Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued to prospective suppliers.
- ii) A deadline for written questions is set.
- iii) Proposals will be received as set forth in Section 9.
- iv) Unsigned proposals will not be considered.
- v) All proposals must be received by MSU no later than the date and time specified on the cover sheet of this RFP.
- vi) At that date and time the package containing the proposals from each responding firm will be opened publicly and the name of each respondent will be announced.
- vii) Proposal evaluation: The University will review each proposal.
- viii) At their option, the evaluators may request oral presentations or discussions for the purpose of clarification or to amplify the materials presented in the proposal
- ix) Respondents are cautioned that this is a request for proposals, not a request to contract, and the MSU reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals when such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the University.
- x) The proposals will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in Section 8c.

APPENDIX A: Code 442

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD
IRRIGATION SYSTEM, SPRINKLER
(Ac.)
CODE 442**

https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/MS/442_Sprinkler_Sys_MS_Oct_2015.pdf

APPENDIX B: SIGNATURE PAGE

Provide information requested, affix signature and return this page with your proposal:

NAME OF FIRM: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AREA CODE/NUMBER

FACSIMILE NUMBER: _____

AREA CODE/NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

AUTHORIZED

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE: _____