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**ADDENDUM # 1**  
2/19/2021

**RFP # 7611830**

**TITLE: Lease Proposal for Farming State Owned Land**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE has been postponed until:**

**Monday March 1, 2021 at 10 AM (Local Time)**

Attached includes questions received with responses. No further questions will be answered

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*Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information.*

## **COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROTOCOL FOR BID OPENINGS**

Vendors and the public are advised that due to Covid-19 emergency social distancing requirements bid openings at the Division of Purchases shall be conducted via live streaming on the ZOOM website/application. Vendors and the public shall not be permitted to enter the Division of Purchases to attend bid openings. Vendors and the public who attend bid openings via live streaming shall be required to identify themselves and a record of all such attendees shall be maintained by the Division of Purchases. Vendor bid proposals shall be opened and read aloud at the date and time listed herein. The results of bid solicitations requiring a public copy for public works projects shall be posted on the Division of Purchases website as soon as possible after the bid opening. For RFP solicitations only vendor names shall be read aloud at the opening.

Vendors and the public are further advised that visitor access to the Powers Building at One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI requires pre-screening at the entrance to the building. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order(s) and Department of Health emergency regulations all visitors to the Powers Building must wear a cloth mask which covers the nose and mouth. Vendors delivering bid proposals to the Division of Purchases should allow sufficient time for the pre-screening process. The Division of Purchases assumes no responsibility for delays caused by the screening process or any other reason. Vendors are solely responsible for on time delivery of bid proposals. The Division of Purchases shall not accept late bids for any reason.

**Division of Purchases is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: 7611830**

**Time: Mar 1, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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1. The Press Release says The full RFP, along with a Proposal Offer Form, is available at <https://www.ridop.ri.gov/> I can't find it there. I realize there is a link to the Zip file in the press release, and I see it there, but I can't find it on [www.ridop.ri.gov](http://www.ridop.ri.gov) in any of the options shown there. Not by RFP number or a description.

**Answer: Click on bidding opportunities. All solicitations and then the solicitation number 7611830 to locate the bid documents.**

2. The Solicitation Information states to submit a proposal "vendors must register on-line at the State Purchasing Website at [www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov) and download a Bidder Certification Cover form which must accompany each offer." Is the Cover Form the one to fill out regarding the specific RFP? The Proposal Offer Form which I would think was to be sent with the Bidder Certification Cover form is pretty generic, and there is no place to differentiate which of the three properties in the RFP one is bidding on.

**Answer: There was an error. Vendor registration and the Bidder Certification Cover form are not required. The only document required to submit an offer is the "Proposal Offer Form," which is in Appendix C of the RFP.**

3. Is the form only to be mailed in as I see no directions for faxing or emailing the form? The mail has been terribly slow and this does not provide a lot of time, so I want to be sure people move fast enough.

**Answer: We cannot accept email or fax. Must be hand delivered or use postal type service.**

4. I am a single person, not a business and I'm looking to partner with the state to use regenerative farming practices, do I need to be an incorporated business or have a business license to submit a proposal?

**Answer: Individual can submit. This purpose of this solicitation is not to partner with the state to use regenerative farming practices. Some regenerative practices may be allowed, provided all conditions of the bid proposal and subsequent lease are met. Please note that livestock grazing, which is a common practice in regenerative farming, will not be allowed.**

5. Can you give me an idea of what the ideal candidate looks like for this type of project? Is the state looking for large farming entities or are they open to people like myself?

**Answer: An ideal candidate is a person or entity who has experience with farming and is able to meet the conditions set forth in the RFP.**

6. Is my proposal supposed to include my "bid" for the land lease?

Answer: Yes, please make sure to read the solicitation on how to submit and submit your bid using the Proposal Offer Form.

7. Would the state delay the opening to allow more time gather information?

Yes, the State has extended the bid opening from February 24, 2021 to March 1, 2021 to allow proposers more time to gather information. The time the bid is due remains at 10:00 a.m.