

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

INVITATION FOR BID

ATTENTION: This is not an order. Read all instructions and terms and conditions carefully.

INVITATION NO.:	RETURN ALL COPIES OF BIDS TO:
Issue Date:	THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
Title:	PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
Buyer:	(Street Address) 1101 Jackson Ave Suite 3000
Phone:	Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401
Email:	OR
	(Mailing Address) Box 870130
	Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487
	PHONE: (205)348-5230 FAX: (205) 348-8706

Bid Responses may NOT be faxed or emailed.

IMPORTANT: SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 09/24/2013 @ 2:00 P.M. CST TIME

Bid number and opening date must be clearly marked on the outside of all bid packages.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the State of Alabama Competitive Bid Law, Section 41-16-20 and/or 39-2, rules and regulations adopted there under sealed bids will be received on the items noted herein by The University of Alabama Purchasing Department until the date and time stated above. In accordance with Alabama State Bid Law Section 41-16-27, where applicable, the University reserves the right to enter into negotiations within thirty (30) days of the bid opening.
2. The University's [General Terms and Conditions](#) and [Instructions to Bidders](#), apply to this Solicitation and shall become a part of any contract issued hereunder.
3. For purposes of this Solicitation, the Solicitation documents shall consist of the following components:
a) Invitation for Bid and any Addenda; b) [General Terms and Conditions](#); c) [Instructions to Bidders](#)
In the event that any provision of the component parts of the Solicitation conflicts with any provision of any other component parts, the component part first enumerated shall govern.
4. This Agreement and any disputes hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Alabama without regard to conflict of law principles.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ACT NO. 2006-557

Alabama law (section 41-4-116, code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain a certification that the vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama state and local sales, use, and/or lease tax on all taxable sales and leases in Alabama. **By submitting a response to this solicitation, the bidder is hereby certifying that they are in full compliance with Act No. 2006-557;** they are not barred from bidding or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-116, and acknowledges that The University of Alabama may declare the contract void if the certification is false.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

1. If you or any owner, officer, partner, board or director member, employee, or holder of more than 5% of the fair market value of your firm or any member of their households is an employee of The University of Alabama, this information must be included in your solicitation response. Failure to disclose this information in your response may result in the elimination of your proposal from evaluation.
2. If you or any owner, officer, partner, board or director member, employee, or holder of more than 5% of the fair market value of your firm or any member of their households is an employee of The University of Alabama; and you or your firm is awarded a contract as a result of this solicitation, then within ten (10) days after the contract is entered into, you agree to file a copy of that contract with the State of Alabama Ethics Commission in accordance with Code of Alabama, Section 36-25-11 and upon request by the University furnish evidence of such filing.
3. By accepting payments agreed to in any purchase order resulting from this bid, Contractor certifies that to its knowledge no University employee or official, and no family members of a University employee or official, will receive a benefit from these payments, except as has been previously disclosed, in writing, to the University on the Disclosure Statement of Relationship Between Contractors/Grantees and Employees/Officials of The University of Alabama.

AUTHENTICATION OF BID AND STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION AND NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I hereby swear (or affirm) under the penalty for false swearing as provided in Code of Alabama 6-5-180 that

1. In accordance with Code of Alabama Section 41-16-25, amended 1975 that the attached response has been arrived at independently and has been submitted without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with, any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment or services described in the Invitation for Bids, designed to limit independent bidding or competition;
2. The contents of the bid or bids have not been communicated by the bidder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid or bids and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid or bids.
3. The bidder is legally entitled to enter into contracts with The University of Alabama and is not in violation of any prohibited conflict of interest, including those prohibited by the Code of Alabama 13A-10-62, as amended 1975.
4. I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statement made above.

THIS AREA MUST BE COMPLETED

DELIVERY AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER:	NAME OF COMPANY:	PHONE:
FEDERAL EMPLOYER ID NO.:	ADDRESS:	FAX:
PAYMENT TERMS:	ADDRESS:	E-MAIL:
SHIPPING TERMS:	CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE:	DATE:
F.O.B. DESTINATION-PREPAID AND ALLOWED		
QUOTE VALID UNTIL:	SIGNATURE:	Typed/Printed Name of Signor

SIGNATURE REQUIRED: This bid cannot be considered valid unless signed and dated by an authorized agent of the bidder. Type or print the information requested in the spaces provided.

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The University of Alabama requests sealed bids as per attached general and technical specifications or equal unless otherwise specified in the Special Conditions.

All Bidders submitting a bid must read all specifications carefully and respond accordingly. Failure to do so may eliminate your bid from consideration due to non-compliance.

1.0 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 1.1 All bid responses, technical information and any other attachments furnished to The University of Alabama in response to this request for quotation must be submitted in duplicate (THE ORIGINAL BID AND ATTACHMENTS WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND ONE EXACT COPY OF THE ENTIRE BID RESPONSE). Bidders who fail to follow this format may be disqualified from the evaluation and award phase of this bid.
- 1.2 The stated requirements appearing elsewhere in this solicitation shall become a part of the terms and conditions of any resulting contract. Any deviations there from must be specifically defined. If accepted by the University, the deviations shall become part of the contract, but such deviations must not be in conflict with the basic nature of this solicitation.

Note: Bidders shall not submit their standard terms and conditions or purchase order terms as exceptions to or modification of the terms and conditions of this solicitation. Each exception to or modification of a University term and condition shall be individually listed by the bidder. Failure to follow this instruction may result in the determination that a bid submission is non-responsive to a solicitation and the rejection of that bid.

- 1.3 The issuance of a University Purchase Order (P#) or a signed Contract document is required to constitute a contract between the successful Bidder and the University which shall bind the successful Bidder to furnish and deliver the commodities ordered at the prices, terms and conditions quoted and in accordance with the specifications of this Solicitation as well as the terms and conditions of the University's Purchase Order or Contract. No shipments are to be made to The University of Alabama without the issuance of a Purchase Order (P#). (Bidders are not to accept or ship items against a requisition number "R" #.)
- 1.4 Any questions concerning these specifications should be directed to the Buyer listed on the signature page.
- 1.5 No department, school or office at the University has the authority to solicit or receive official Solicitations nor authorize Solicitation or Contract changes other than the Purchasing Department. All solicitations are issued under the direct supervision of the Associate Director for Purchasing and in complete accordance with the State of Alabama Bid Law, Section 41-16-20 and University policies and procedures.
- 1.6 The terms and conditions included in this Solicitation along with any addenda, any University contract and/or University purchase order(s) issued referencing this Solicitation, the University's [General Terms and Conditions](#), [Instructions to Bidders](#) shall constitute the entire and exclusive Contract between the University and the successful Bidder.
- 1.7 **State of Alabama Immigration Law**
If the successful bidder is located in Alabama or employs an individual or individuals within the State of Alabama, the successful bidder shall provide a copy of its Employment Eligibility Verification (E-Verify) company profile. To expedite the ordering process, this document may be submitted with the bid response.

If the successful bidder is not located in the State of Alabama and does not employ an individual or individuals within the State of Alabama, the successful bidder shall complete and return the Certification of Compliance form included with this Request for Price Quotation (E-Verify company profile is not required). To expedite the ordering process, this document may be submitted with the bid response.

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If you are not currently enrolled in E-Verify, follow these instructions:

- Log onto www.uscis.gov/everify
- Click “Getting Started” for information about the program, requirements, and enrollment process.
- Click “Enroll in E-Verify” and begin enrollment process.
- When enrollment process is complete, click “Edit Company Profile” and print this one-page document.
- This one-page document must be submitted prior to a contract or purchase order being issued.
- For further assistance please consult the [E-Verify Quick Reference Guide](#).

If you have previously enrolled in E-Verify, follow these instructions:

- Log onto www.uscis.gov/everify
- Click “Edit Company Profile” and print this one-page document.
- This one-page document must be submitted prior to a contract or purchase order being issued.

2.0 QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS

Due to the importance of maintaining a safe University environment, it is imperative that the successful bidder meet certain qualifications that will guarantee The University of Alabama the successful Bidder is qualified to furnish and deliver products, equipment and services or furnish, deliver, install, service and/or repair equipment whichever is applicable as required in this Solicitation. In order for Bidders to qualify, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- 2.1 The Bidder, if requested, must provide in writing, a statement that the Bidder has been regularly engaged in business for a minimum three (3) years engaging in furnishing, delivering, servicing, repairing and installing, equipment, goods, or services required in this Solicitation. In lieu of the minimum number of years in business, a performance bond may be required in the amount of one hundred (100%) percent of the contract price. This bond will be used to secure the completion of the project should the successful Bidder default for any reason. Failure to comply with this requirement may eliminate your bid response from consideration.
- 2.2 Each bidder required to provide a bond, shall submit a letter from a bonding agent licensed to do business in the State of Alabama stating that if the bidding company is the successful bidder, said bonding agent will furnish a 100% performance and payment bond covering and including products and service for the duration of the contract period. Said bond shall be subject to the approval and acceptance of The University of Alabama. The Letter and Bond shall be submitted to the University Purchasing Department and must be furnished within forty-eight (48) hours after request. The premium of the bond shall be paid by the successful bidder. Failure to provide the bond letter or bond will eliminate your bid from consideration in the bid award.

3.0 REFERENCES

References must include at least three (3) other universities, institutions or businesses, which the bidder has successfully provided products, services or installation of equipment similar to those required in this Solicitation in terms of manufacturer, size, features, service or type of installation. The references must include company name, address, project/delivery date, contact name, phone number, and email address.

4.0 PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Specify all terms and conditions of the warranties associated with your products with your bid response.

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5.0 PRICE QUOTATION

- 5.1 **IMPORTANT:** It is required that the PRICE QUOTATION SHEET(S) furnished with this Request for Price Quotation be completed and submitted with your proposal. **DO NOT** send generated price lists as your bid. Failure to comply with this request may eliminate your bid from consideration in the bid award.
- 5.2 All prices shall be quoted furnish and install (if applicable) FOB The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487 prepay and allowed. Unit prices quoted must include any and all shipping and handling charges. Any freight claims will be the responsibility of the Bidder. The successful Bidder must transport at the time of set-up, the equipment and supplies necessary for this installation to campus. No direct shipments will be accepted.
- 5.3 It is the Bidder's responsibility to verify any information, measurements and obtain any clarifications prior to submitting the bid response. The University is not liable for any errors or misinterpretations made by the Bidder in response to this Solicitation.
- 5.4 The successful Bidder under the specifications required in this Solicitation shall furnish at its expense all equipment, labor, tools, supplies, transportation, insurance and other expenses necessary to fully perform any phase of the requirements of this Solicitation.
- 5.5 Quote prices firm for a period of ninety (90) days following the bid opening date unless otherwise stated in the Special Conditions. Bids that do not guarantee pricing firm for this period may be eliminated. Failure to quote the term for which your prices will remain firm may eliminate your bid from consideration.
- 5.6 The quoted price must include but not be limited to all cables, wires, connectors, etc. to make a complete functioning unit unless specifically stated in the special conditions.
- 5.7 Include with your bid response complete details of your company's Return Merchandise policy, including, but not limited to, amount of any restocking fee required, procedures, limitations, contact person and phone number. While the University does not enter into any purchase with the intent to return items ordered, we do require this information be included with your bid response. Failure to include this information may be grounds for elimination of your bid from consideration.

6.0 DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 Proposed delivery dates shall be stated in number of calendar days after receipt of order.
- 6.2 All items must be delivered directly to the University by the successful Bidder and placed according to the instructions supplied by the University.

7.0 INSURANCE

- 7.1 See [General Terms and Conditions](#) for general Insurance Requirements, Additional Insurance requirements may be listed in the Special Conditions Section.
- 7.2 The successful Bidder shall provide the University Purchasing Department a certificate of insurance listing the required types of insurance and minimum liabilities specified in the [General Terms and Conditions](#) unless otherwise modified in the Special Conditions.
- 7.3 The certificate must be received by The University of Alabama Purchasing Department within three (3) days of request. Failure to comply with this request may eliminate your bid from consideration in the bid award.
- 7.4 The University reserves the right to terminate any resulting contract, if the Bidder fails to keep these policies in force for the above amounts or for the duration of the contract period.
- 7.5 The umbrella policy must be listed on the insurance certificate with an explanation of the coverage.

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8.0 RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS WITH UNIVERSITY STAFF

From the issue date of this Solicitation until a Contractor is selected and a contract award is made, Bidders are not allowed to communicate about the subject of the IFB with any University administrator, faculty, staff, or members of the Board of Trustees except:

- The Purchasing Department representative, any University Purchasing Official representing the University administration, or others authorized in writing by the Purchasing Office and
- University Representatives during Bidder presentations.

If violation of this provision occurs, the University reserves the right to reject the Bidder's response to this Solicitation.

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FIBER LASER

9.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 9.1 The University of Alabama is requesting sealed bids to furnish and deliver a Fiber Laser as per attached Specification/Quotation Sheet or equal. Provide technical data and drawing of items quoted.
- 9.2 Delivery three (3) weeks after contractor's receipt of a purchase order. Specify in your bid if your company can meet this delivery requirement.
- 9.3 Item(s) quoted must be compatible with a Velox CNC, Model VR-1414-ST3D.
- 9.4 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS – 6. Insurance
A certificate of insurance will be required prior to awarding the bid. Vendor must meet the requirements as outlined. Insurance must include General Liability – including Products/Completed Operation (see amounts stated in General Terms and Conditions.
- 9.5 An electronic version of University's Terms and Conditions and instructions to Respondents are available through The University of Alabama website:

<http://purchasing.ua.edu/purchgenterms.html>

<http://purchasing.ua.edu/vendors/instructions-to-bidders.pdf>

10.0 QUOTE SHEET

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QUOTE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OR EQUAL

SCOPE: THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA REQUESTS SEALED BIDS TO FURNISH AND DELIVER A FIBER LASER AS PER ATTACHED GENERAL AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OR EQUAL.

NOTES:

- 10.1 The manufacturer and product number for each item that you are quoting must be completed for your bid to receive consideration.
- 10.2 IF QUOTING AN ALTERNATE, PLEASE INCLUDE PRODUCT/TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR YOUR BID TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION.
- 10.3 All items must be fully warranted for a minimum period of the specified manufacturer's warranty. Service or replacements of any defective items are to be proved by the successful contractor at no charge to the University during the period of guarantee.
- 10.4 THE UNIT COST OF EACH ITEM must include any shipping and handling charges. Do NOT list shipping and handling as a separate charge. QUOTE FOB THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA, AL 35487.

ITEM NO.	APPROX. QTY.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1.	1	(New) Quasi-CW Ytterbium Fiber Laser IPG Photonics #YLR-150/1500-QCW-MMACY11 Average Power 150 Watts, Maximum Peak 1500 Watts Touch screen interface. Pulse shaping feature Must be compatible with Velox CNC (Model VR-1414-ST3D) w/cable, IPG FF LC-08 50/10, 50um, 10 meter QBH Type Connector (IPG #P45-003803) ***SEE ATTACHED PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS *** MANUFACTURER_____ PRODUCT NO. _____	\$_____	\$_____
2.	1	(New) Cable, IPG FF LC-08 50/10, 50um, 10 meter QBH Type Connector IPG #P45-003803 MANUFACTURER_____ PRODUCT NO. _____	\$_____	\$_____

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3. 1 (New) Cutting Head, V, D30 C100/F125 \$ _____ \$ _____
IPG Photonics #P30-001840-003
w/Nozzle 0.8mm Dia DE HP, IPG #P40-007141-00

***SEE ATTACHED PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS ***

MANUFACTURER _____ PRODUCT NO. _____

4. 1 (New) Nozzle 0.8mm Dia. DE HP, IPG #P40-007141-00 \$ _____ \$ _____
IPG Photonics #P40-007141-00

MANUFACTURER _____ PRODUCT NO. _____

EDUCATIONAL DISCOUNTS \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

OPTIONAL

5. 1 On-site Installation and set-up of Fiber Laser \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

NOTE: Warranty on Equipment quoted:

Size of Crates & Cartons in Shipment (dimensions & weight):

Who is responsible for unloading equipment from truck?

Is a forklift or other rigging needed to unload and place the shipment? Please explain:

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INSTALLATION: Responsibilities related to installation:

Define and explain all of **your company's** responsibilities related to the installation of the equipment requested in this bid.

INSTALLATION: Responsibilities related to installation:

Define and explain the **University's** responsibilities related to the installation of the equipment requested in this bid.

Delivery is needed in three (3) weeks.

Can you meet this delivery requirement: _____ Yes _____ No

If No, specify earliest delivery date: _____

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Ytterbium fiber Laser

11.1 Optical Characteristics

- Operation Mode: Pulsed / CW
- Polarization: Random
- Maximal Average Power:
 - Pulsed Mode ($P_{average}$) Minimum 150 W
 - CW mode (P_{cw}) Minimum 250 W
- Maximal Peak Power (P_{peak}): Pulsed mode, Minimum 1500 W
- Duty Cycle (DC): Pulsed mode, Maximum 50* %
- Pulse Duration (τ): Pulsed mode, Minimum 0.2 ms, Maximum 50** ms.
- Maximal Pulse Energy (E_{max}): Minimum 15 J
- Emission Wavelength (λ): Typ. 1070 nm
- Emission Linewidth ($\Delta\lambda$): Pulsed mode, max. output power, Typ. 5 nm, Maximum 6 nm
- Long-term Power Instability: time interval: 4 hours, T = const, max. output power, CW & Pulsed modes, Typ. $\pm 0.5\%$, Maximum $\pm 1\%$
- Red Guide Laser Power, Minimum 0.1 mW, Maximum 1.0 mW

*Maximum duty cycle limit is inversely proportional to peak power: 10% for 1500W, 15% for 1000W,..., 50% for 300W and lower.

** Maximum pulse duration limit is inversely proportional to peak power: 10ms for 1500W, 15ms for 1000W,...,50ms for 300W and lower.

11.2 Optical Output

- Beam Quality (BPP):
 - Option 1 - 50 μ m core fiber, min. 1 mm, Max. 2 mm
 - Option 2 – 100 μ m core fiber, min 2x, Max. 5x
 - Option 3 – 200 μ m, min. 5 mrad, max. 15mrad
- Delivery Fiber Length (L), Typ. 5.0 m, Max. TBD
- Delivery Cable Bending Radius: Min. 50 mm
- Output Fiber Termination: QBH-Compatible connector

11.3 General Characteristics

- Cooling method: Forced Air
- Operating Ambient Temperature Range: Min. 10°C, Max. 40°C
- Humidity: Min. 10%, Max. 95%
- Storage Temperature: -40°C, Max. +75°C
- Dimensions, WxDxH: 4U 19" Rack Mountable, 449 mm x 503 mm x 177 mm
- Weight: Max. 50 kg

11.4 Electrical Characteristics

- Operating voltage, single phase, 100-120/200-240 VAC, 50/60 Hz
- Maximum Power Consumption:
 - Pulsed model Typ. 700W, Max. 800W
 - CW mode Typ. 900W, Max. 1100W
- Control: Display with touch-screen / Analog / RS-232 / Ethernet

Cutting Head

P30-001840-003 Vertical, No Camera, F100 Collimator, F125 Focus

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW

The undersigned officer of _____ (Company)
certifies to the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama that the Company
does not employ an individual or individuals within the State of Alabama.

SIGNATURE OF COMPANY OFFICER

PRINT COMPANY NAME

PRINT NAME OF COMPANY OFFICER

PRINT TITLE OF COMPANY OFFICER

DATE

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Company Information

Company Name:

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Company ID Number:

Doing Business As (DBA)

Name:

DUNS Number:

Physical Location:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

County:

Mailing Address:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Additional Information:

Employer Identification Number:

Total Number of Employees:

Parent Organization:

Administrator:

Organization Designation:

Employer Category:

Federal Contractor Category:

Employees being verified:

NAICS Code:

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

1. Contract/Purchase Order No. _____

2. Name of Contract/Grantee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

3. Nature of Contract/Grant: _____

4. Does the contractor/grantee have any relationships with any employee or official of the University, or a family member of such employee or official, that will enable such employee or official, or his/her family member, to benefit from this contract? If so, please state the names, relationships, and nature of the benefit.

(For employees of the University, family members include spouse and dependents. For members of the Board of Trustees (officials), family members include spouse, dependents, adult children and their spouses, parents, in-laws, siblings and their spouses.)

This Disclosure Form will be available for public inspection upon request.

The above information is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Authorized Agent of Contractor/Grantee

Date: _____

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