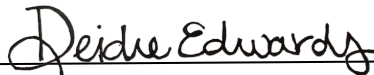




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ADDENDUM 1
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) # 24-30
LAWN SERVICE AT THE VILLAGE, FRATERNITY ROW, AND CEDARBROOK APARTMENTS



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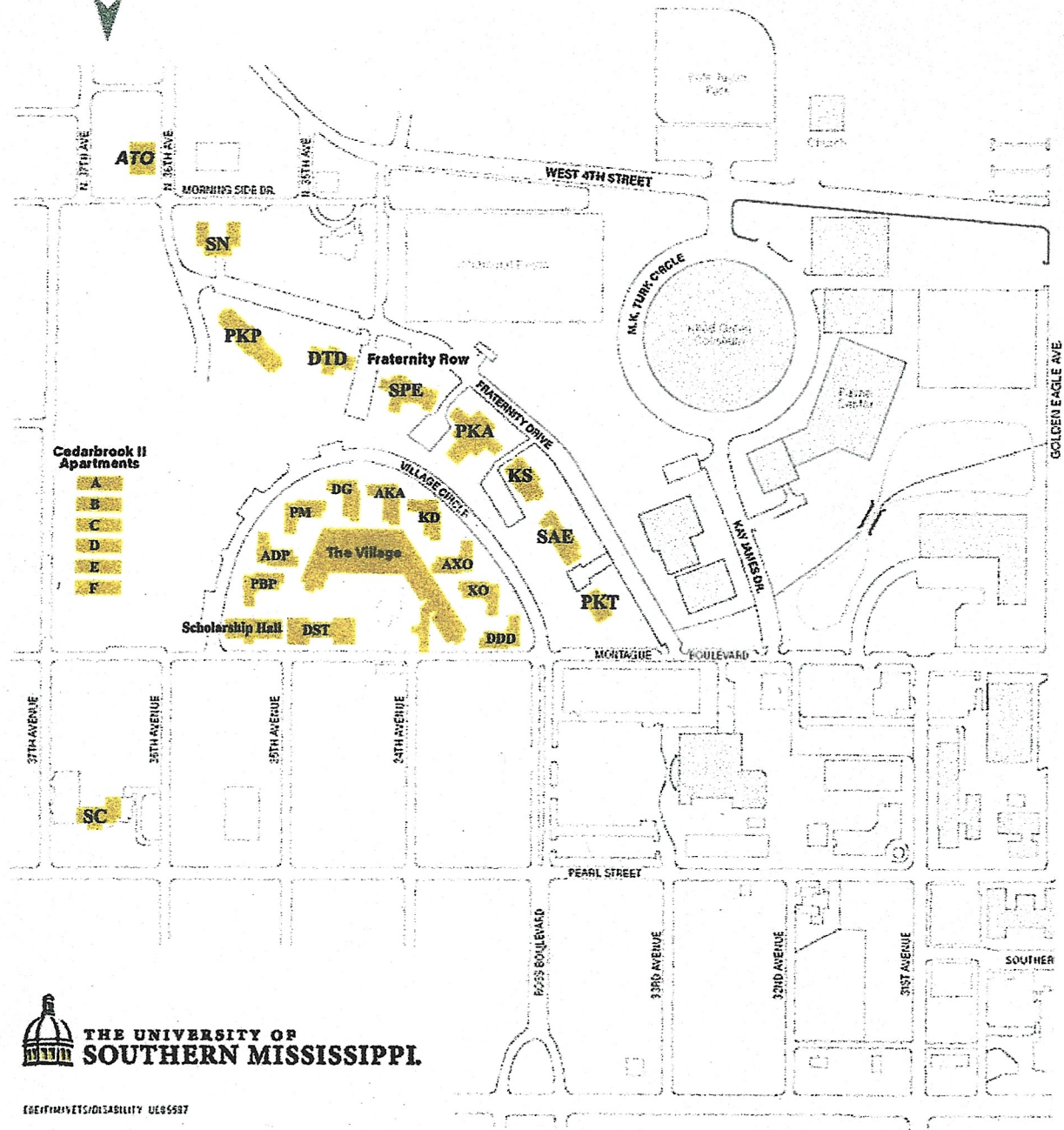
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USM RFP 24-30 is being amended to respond to the following proposed questions. USM RFP 24-30 is also being amended to extend the submission deadline to Friday, May 24, 2024, at 2 PM.

1. Regarding statement 13 under the USM general conditions, will the responding vendors and their prices be read aloud during the bid opening meeting? **Yes.**
2. As a benefit for both client and vendors, can USM send out property boundary maps for the locations covered by this RFP for more accurate pricing? **Yes, see attachment, but a site visit would be of more benefit.**
3. On Appendix A line 3 states 'Total area clean-up of debris and litter. Street and outside parking litter controlled by the university.' Can you please confirm that contractors are not responsible for any weed control in the parking lots? **The Interior Sorority Village parking lot is included in the RFP.**
4. Can you please confirm that contractors are not responsible for crack weeds in hardscape areas? If so, please specify what areas contractors are responsible for. **Sidewalks and porches are included in the RFP.**
5. Should contractors apply pre- and post-emergent herbicides to the bed areas? If so, can you please specify how many applications USM desires? **Post-emergent spraying as needed, however pulling of weeds is preferred.**
6. Regarding statement 4 under the scope of work, how many bed fertilizations should we include in our proposal? **Fertilization schedule to be determined by landscape professional.**

7. The specifications say the mowing and weeding should occur at least every 2 weeks during the growing season. Does this RFP consider April – October as the growing season; what is the minimum number of visits required outside of the growing season? Can you please confirm the total number of visits per year that USM desires? **Weekly site visits and inspections are required. The mowing schedule in winter months is as needed. The growing season is typically March through November.**
8. Turf chemical applications are not mentioned in the specifications, please confirm that USM would not like turf chemical treatments via this RFP. **Turf chemicals are not requested.**
9. The RFP requests only the labor for installation of ‘plants, shrubs, flowers, mulch, pine straw, etc....’, can you please clarify the mulch depth that USM desires or a bale/bag count of pine straw or mulch that contractors are to apply per year? **Mulch depth is typically 4” . Pine straw bale counts vary by year on an as needed basis.**
10. Can you please specify the number, spacing, size, and how many applications of flowers that contractors are to apply per year? **Flowers are usually planted once per year in front of the sorority houses. Shrubs are only replaced if needed.**
11. Should the pricing for labor to install shrubs be included in our yearly price, or will this service be handled on a billable basis? If not on a billable basis, can you please confirm the total number and type of shrubs and plants that contractors are to install per year? **Shrub replacement would be billable if replacement is needed.**

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