

Request for Proposal UK-2539-26 Proposal Due Date – 07/17/2025

Kroger Field-Field Level Video/Ribbon Boards



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

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PROPOSAL NO.: UK-2539-26 RETURN ORIGINAL COPY OF PROPOSAL TO:
Issue Date: 07/02/2025 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Title: Kroger Field – Field Level Video/Ribbon Boards PROCUREMENT SERVICES
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IMPORTANT: PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 07/172025 3 P.M. LEXINGTON, KY TIME.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The University's General Terms and Conditions and Instructions to Bidders, viewable at https://purchasing.uky.edu/bid-and-proposal-opportunities, apply to this RFP. When the RFP includes construction services, the University's General Conditions and Special Conditions for Construction and Instructions to Bidders, viewable at https://purchasing.uky.edu/bid-and-proposal-opportunities, apply to the RFP.
- 2. Contracts resulting from this RFP must be governed by and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- 3. Any agreement or collusion among offerors or prospective offerors, which restrains, tends to restrain, or is reasonably calculated to restrain competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from offering, or otherwise, is prohibited.
- 4. Any person who violates any provisions of KRS 45A.325 shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars or be imprisoned not less than one year nor more than five years, or both such fine and imprisonment. Any firm, corporation, or association who violates any of the provisions of KRS 45A.325 shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than ten thousand dollars or more than twenty thousand dollars.

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 by KRS 523.040:

- 1. That I am the offeror (if the offeror is an individual), a partner, (if the offeror is a partnership), or an officer or employee of the bidding corporation having authority to sign on its behalf (if the offeror is a corporation);
- 2. That the attached proposal has been arrived at by the offeror independently and has been submitted without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with, any other Contractor of materials, supplies, equipment or services described in the RFP, designed to limit independent bidding or competition;
- 3. That the contents of the proposal have not been communicated by the offeror or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the offeror or its surety on any bond furnished with the proposal and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official closing of the RFP:
- 4. That the offeror is legally entitled to enter into contracts with the University of Kentucky and is not in violation of any prohibited conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, those prohibited by the provisions of KRS 45A.330 to .340, and164.390;
- 5. That the offeror, and its affiliates, are duly registered with the Kentucky Department of Revenue to collect and remit the sale and use tax imposed by Chapter 139 to the extent required by Kentucky law and will remain registered for the duration of any contract award;
- 6. That I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statement made above.

SWORN STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

In accordance with KRS45A.110 (2), the undersigned hereby swears under penalty of perjury that he/she has not knowingly violated any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and that the award of a contract to a bidder will not violate any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

CONTRACTOR REPORT OF PRIOR VIOLATIONS OF KRS CHAPTERS 136, 139, 141, 337, 338, 341 & 342

The contractor by signing and submitting a proposal agrees as required by 45A.485 to submit final determinations of any violations of the provisions of KRS Chapters 136, 139, 141, 337, 338, 341 and 342 that have occurred in the previous five (5) years prior to the award of a contract and agrees to remain in continuous compliance with the provisions of the statutes during the duration of any contract that may be established. Final determinations of violations of these statutes must be provided to the University by the successful contractor prior to the award of a contract.

CÉRTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

The contractor, by submitting a proposal, certifies that he/she is in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations, No. 41 CFR 60-1.8(b) that prohibits the maintaining of segregated facilities.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED: This proposal cannot be considered valid unless signed and dated by an authorized agent of the offeror. Type or print the signatory's name, title, address, phone number and fax number in the spaces provided. Offers signed by an agent are to be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority unless such evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office

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FEDERAL EMPLOYER ID NO.:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:

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1.0 DEFINITIONS

The term "addenda" means written or graphic instructions issued by the University of Kentucky prior to the receipt of proposals that modify or interpret the RFP documents by additions, deletions, clarifications and/or corrections.

The term "competitive negotiations" means the method authorized in the Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 45A.085.

The terms "offer" or "proposal" mean the offeror's/offerors' response to this RFP.

The term "offeror" means the entity or contractor group submitting the proposal.

The term "contractor" means the entity receiving a contract award.

The term "purchasing agency" means the University of Kentucky, Procurement Services, Room 322 Peterson Service Building, Lexington, KY 40506-0005.

The term "purchasing official" means the University of Kentucky's appointed contracting representative.

The term "responsible offeror" means a person, company or corporation that has the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an offeror is responsible, the University may evaluate various factors including (but not limited to): financial resources; experience; organization; technical qualifications; available resources; record of performance; integrity; judgment; ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the contract; adversarial relationship between the offeror and the University that is so serious and compelling that it may negatively impact the work performed under this RFP; or any other cause determined to be so serious and compelling as to affect the responsibility of the offeror.

The term "solicitation" means RFP.

The term "University" means University of Kentucky.

2.0 GENERAL OVERVIEW

2.1 <u>Intent and Scope</u>

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued to solicit proposals from qualified, experienced, financially sound and responsible firms to provide field level video boards for Kroger Field in Lexington, KY. The Contractor shall provide all labor, tools, materials and services required to furnish, deliver and install complete systems as described herein for the University of Kentucky Athletic Department.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is an invitation to submit offers to the University for the materials and services described in the RFP. The University has no obligation to award a contract.

The Scope of Services includes the design of the modules, design and build of the circuitry and circuit boards, the core components (discreet LEDs, transistors, resistors, circuit boards, power supplies, etc.) assemble and integrate the units, calibrate for uniformity, assemble into the mounting structures and supply video processors to drive live video through each display. The video board must be HD/SDI compatible. Included in this proposal will be the successful integration of the entire system into the current control system in the facility.

It is the intent of the University to award a contract to the qualified Offeror who's Offer, conforming to the conditions and requirements of the RFP, is determined to be the most advantageous to the University, cost and other factors considered.

The firm whose systems is selected would provide all design and installation services necessary to construct the facility in accordance with the guidelines, standards and limitations contained in the Request for Proposal and in the Contractors Proposal.

At minimum, potential Contractors are to have at least three (3) years experience providing "turnkey" Video Board and Ribbon Board systems for outdoor facilities.

- The Contractor who is chosen must provide a "turnkey" installation with full functionality by **August 15, 2025**.
- The Contractor shall provide approved drawings, stamped by a registered professional engineer in the State of Kentucky
- Training shall include the technical staff and other users of the system and will include training on all the components including how to operate and maintain the components as an integrated system and how to troubleshoot issues.
- The Contractor who is chosen to implement the system must provide a single point of contact during the project and warranty period for all repairs. This single point of contact will have full responsibility for ensuring the project requirements are completed.
- After the warranty period has expired the Contractor must offer a maintenance contract for the system with a single point-of-contact for all repairs.

- The Contractor shall provide a 24/7 monitoring of all systems, and direct service employee or certified contractor capable of providing maintenance response within 4-12 hours of a call for service.
- The Contractor shall provide a trained technician to be on-site for the first home football game (August 30, 2025) to assist with any issues that may arise with the boards.
- The systems specified in the response must provide the reviewers of the proposal with information on the function of each component and how components are integrated. The response must also provide a detailed overview of the capabilities of the proposed systems.
- The selected contractor must provide Payment and Performance Bonds equal to the contract amount.

The Scope of Services is further defined in Section 7.0 of this Request for Proposal (RFP).

2.2 Background Information



Kroger Field completed a 120-miliion-dollar renovation which added premium seating, a new press level, loge box seating, expanded and renovated concessions/restrooms, new field lighting, and recruiting room/team gameday facilities in the East end zone.

In 2022 the east and west end zone video boards were replaced and expanded with state-of-the-art LED boards, and in 2024 the existing ribbon boards were also replaced.

The playing area is titled C.M. Newton Field, named after the former UK Director of Athletics in 2001. In 1999, both ends of the stadium were enclosed, along with the construction of 40 suites, 10 in each corner of the stadium. The total number of seats increased to 67,606. The stadium and parking areas rest on an 86-acre plot that was once a part of the UK Experimental Station Farm Grounds.

The stadium was officially opened on September 15, 1973, as the Wildcats moved into their new home after spending 48 years at Stoll Field/McLean Stadium across from Memorial Coliseum. Kentucky defeated Virginia Tech in the stadium opener, 31-26, as quarterback Ernie Lewis ran for two touchdowns and threw for another TD to lead the Wildcats.

This project will include the installation of new video boards on the field level walls behind both end zones.

2.3 <u>University Information</u>

Upon his arrival in 2011, President Eli Capilouto set an ambitious agenda to extend and enhance our role as Kentucky's land-grant and flagship research university. By focusing on infrastructure growth and improvement; creating opportunities for innovative teaching, learning and academic excellence; fostering a robust research enterprise; providing life-saving subspecialty care; empowering communities through service and outreach; and encouraging a transparent and shared dialogue about institutional priorities; the University of Kentucky will help ensure a Kentucky tomorrow that is healthier, wealthier and wiser than it is today.

Our mission is to advance Kentucky.

Founded in 1865 as a land-grant institution adjacent to downtown Lexington, UK is nestled in the scenic heart of the beautiful Bluegrass region of Kentucky. From its early beginnings, with only 190 students and 10 professors, UK's campus now covers more than 900 acres. The university enrolled more than 32,000 students in Fall 2022 and has approximately 25,000 employees, including nearly 3,000 full-time faculty.

UK is one of a small number of universities in the United States that has programs in agriculture, engineering, law, fine arts and a full complement of health colleges including medicine and pharmacy, on a single campus alongside an academic health system, leading to groundbreaking discoveries and unique interdisciplinary collaboration.

The state's flagship university consists of 18 academic and professional colleges where students can choose from more than 200 majors and degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The colleges are Agriculture, Food and Environment; Arts and Sciences; Business and Economics; Communication and Information; Dentistry; Design; Education; Engineering; Fine Arts; Graduate School; Health Sciences; Honors; Law; Medicine; Nursing; Pharmacy; Public Health; and Social Work. These colleges are supported by a modern research library system.

Research at the University of Kentucky is a dynamic enterprise encompassing both traditional scholarship and emerging technologies. UK's research faculty, staff and students are establishing UK as one of the nation's most prolific public research universities. UK researchers were awarded more than \$452.9 million in extramural grant and contract funding in fiscal year 2022. Fifty-six percent of this funding comes from agencies in the federal government (\$256 million) such as the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, Department of Defense and numerous other federal, state and industry sponsors. Expenditures from research and development (R&D) activities at the university generate more than \$772 million in economic development across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and support more than 4,395 jobs.

With more than 70 research centers and institutes, UK researchers are discovering new knowledge, providing a rich training ground for current students and the next generation of researchers and advancing the economic growth of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Several centers excel in the services offered to the public. The Gluck Equine Research Center is one of only three facilities of its kind in the world, conducting equine disease research.

The Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) is internationally recognized for research in algae for carbon dioxide clean up, carbon materials, concrete and cement, emissions control in utilities, energy policy, fuels research, hydrogen, materials characterization and plant optimization.

Among the brightest examples of UK's investment in transformative research is the Markey Cancer Center. As a center of excellence and distinction at UK, Markey's robust research and clinical enterprise is the cornerstone of our commitment to Kentucky – fundamental to our success in uplifting lives through our endeavors and improving the general health and welfare of our state – burdened by the nation's highest rate of cancer deaths per 100,000 people. In 2013, Markey earned the prestigious National Cancer Institute-designation (NCI) – one of 68 nationally and the only one in Kentucky. The designation was renewed in 2018.

Both CAER and Markey are cornerstones of seven Research Priority Areas (RPAs) at the University of Kentucky. These areas — chosen based on local relevance, existing funding strength, sustainability and disciplinary scholarly diversity — focus UK's top research talent on the most pressing challenges confronting our state.

The University of Kentucky is the recipient of a Clinical Translational Sciences Award (CTSA) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As one of only 60 institutions with this research distinction, UK was awarded the CTSA for its potential in moving research and discovery in the lab into practical field and community applications. The CTSA and NCI are part of a trifecta of federal research grants that includes an Alzheimer's Disease Center. UK is one of only 29 universities in the country to hold all three premier grants from NIH.

Established in 1957, the medical center at UK is one of the nation's finest academic medical centers and includes the university's clinical enterprise, UK HealthCare. Licensed for 965 beds across UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital, Kentucky Children's Hospital and UK Good Samaritan Hospital, the system is supported by a growing faculty and staff providing the most advanced subspecialty care for the most critically injured and ill patients throughout the Commonwealth and beyond. Since 2014, the number of patients served by the medical enterprise has nearly doubled, with more than 38,000 discharges in 2022.

UK Chandler Hospital includes the only Level 1 Trauma Center for both adult and pediatric patients in Central and Eastern Kentucky. In addition, UK HealthCare recently opened one of the country's largest robotic hybrid operating rooms and the first of its kind in the region. While the new patient care pavilion is the leading health care facility for advanced medical procedures in the region, our talented physicians consult with and travel to our network of affiliate hospitals so Kentuckians can receive the best health care available close to their home and never need to leave the Bluegrass for complex subspecialty care.

As of December 1, 2022, King's Daughters Medical Center, based in Ashland, Kentucky, officially became part of the University of Kentucky. King's Daughters Medical Center serves a 16-county region across Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Its health system is composed of two acute-care hospitals totaling 465 licensed beds, more than 50 ambulatory centers and practice locations, a long-term care facility, medical transport company and six urgent care centers.

The University of Kentucky Board of Trustees on Friday April 26, 2024 approved plans to proceed with the acquisition of St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead. The move for St. Claire to become part of UK will expand clinical and academic programs as well as result in greater access to high-quality patient care for more Kentuckians. St. Claire can continue its 60-year tradition of serving Northeastern Kentucky for decades to come, operating under the name UK St. Claire. St. Claire HealthCare is one of the largest employers in the region, with over 1,200 staff members, including a growing medical staff of more than 125 physicians and nearly 70 advanced practice professionals representing more than 30 medical specialties. It includes the largest rural hospital in Northeastern Kentucky, seven primary care locations located within five counties, a multi-specialty medical pavilion, two urgent care centers, a pediatrics clinic, as well as a retail pharmacy, counseling center, medical equipment and supply store, and an outpatient center. Additionally, St. Claire HealthCare provides home health and hospice services in eight counties within its 11-county service region. The acquisition was finalized on July 1, 2024.

UK's agenda remains committed to accelerating the university's academic excellence in all areas and gaining worldwide recognition for its outstanding academic programs, its commitment to students, its investment in pioneering research and discovery, its success in building a diverse community and its engagement with the larger society. This commitment is all part of the university's mission as a 21st century flagship and land-grant research university. From its Nobel Laureates to cutting-edge work in addressing health disparities, and from the artistic wonders that stir souls to our scientific creativity that inspires minds, UK seeks a brighter future through the contributions of our faculty, staff, students and alumni.

We are the University of Kentucky. We are committed to advancing Kentucky in everything that we do.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is an institution-wide priority for the University of Kentucky. We strive to ensure that all activities are ecologically sound, socially just, and economically viable, and that they will continue to be so for future generations. This commitment also prioritizes the integration of these principles in curricula, research, athletics, health care, creative works, and outreach. This principled approach to operational practices and intellectual pursuits is intended to prepare students and empower the campus community to support sustainable development in the Commonwealth and beyond. The UK Sustainability Strategic Plan guides these efforts (https://www.uky.edu/sustainability/sustainability-strategic-plan).

2.4 <u>Economic Engagement and Procurement</u>

The University of Kentucky is committed to serving as an advocate for Kentucky located businesses as part of its on-going workforce development and economic development efforts.

The University desires to increase the amount of goods and services acquired from Kentucky located businesses. The University encourages its suppliers to support and assist in this effort.

The University's goals for increasing participation in procurement projects include but are not limited to the following:

- To ensure the absence of barriers that reduce participation.
- Educate vendors on "how to do business" with the University.
- Support Kentucky located vendors seeking to do business with the University in the areas of goods, services, construction, and other areas of procurement.
- Encourage participation of qualified Kentucky located vendors by directing them to agencies that can benefit from their product or service.
- · Provide resources for Kentucky located vendors.
- Sponsor events to assist Kentucky located vendors in becoming active, responsible, and responsive participants in the University's purchasing opportunities.

For additional information regarding how Kentucky located suppliers may participate in this Request for Proposal, submit any questions to the Procurement Officer as indicated in Section 3.2 by the Deadline for Written Questions date.

3.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Key Event Dates

Release of RFP	07/02/2025
Pre-Proposal Conference (Optional)	NONE
Deadline for Written Questions	3 p.m. Lexington, KY Time on 07/09/25
RFP Proposals Due	3 p.m. Lexington, KY Time on 07/17/25

3.2 Offeror Communication

To ensure that RFP documentation and subsequent information (modifications, clarifications, addenda, Written Questions and Answers, etc.) are directed to the appropriate persons within the offeror's firm, each offeror who intends to participate in this RFP is to provide the following information to the purchasing officer. Prompt, thorough compliance is in the best interest of the offeror. Failure to comply may result in incomplete or delayed communication of addenda or other vital information. Contact information is the responsibility of the offeror. Without the prompt information, any communication shortfall shall reside with the offeror.

- Name of primary contact
- Mailing address of primary contact
- Telephone number of primary contact
- E-mail address of primary contact
- Additional contact persons with same information provided as primary contact

This information shall be transmitted via fax or e-mail to:

Ken Scott Procurement Services University of Kentucky 322 Peterson Service Building Lexington, KY 40506-0005 Phone: (859) 257-9102

Fax: (859) 257-1951

E-mail: Kenneth.Scott@uky.edu

All communication with the University regarding this RFP should only be directed to the purchasing officer listed above.

3.3 Pre-Proposal Conference

There will not be a pre-proposal conference for this project. <u>Contractors who desire to visit</u>
<u>Kroger Field prior to the question submittal deadline can schedule a site visit through UK</u>
<u>Procurement Services (Ken Scott).</u>

The following items should be noted.

- Offerors are encouraged to submit written questions by the date listed in Section 3.1 of this RFP
- The University will prepare written responses to all questions submitted and make them
 available to all offerors. The questions and answers will be made part of the RFP and may
 become part of the contract with the successful contractor. Answers given orally are not
 binding.

3.4 Offeror Presentations

All offerors whose proposals are judged acceptable for award may be required to make a presentation to the evaluation committee.

3.5 **Preparation of Offers**

The offeror is expected to follow all specifications, terms, conditions and instructions in this RFP.

The offeror will furnish all information required by this solicitation.

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a description of the offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the solicitation. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. All documentation submitted with the proposal should be bound in the single volume except as otherwise specified.

An electronic version of the RFP, in .PDF format only, is available through the University of Kentucky Procurement Services website at: https://purchasing.uky.edu/bid-and-proposal-opportunities.

3.6 Proposed Deviations from the RFP

The stated requirements appearing elsewhere in this RFP shall become a part of the terms and conditions of any resulting contract. Any deviations therefrom should be specifically defined in accordance with the transmittal letter, Section 4.3 (d). 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 RFP.

Note: Offerors should not submit their standard terms and conditions as exceptions to the University's General Terms and Conditions. Each exception to the University's General Terms and Conditions should be individually addressed.

3.7 **Proposal Submission and Deadline**

Offeror must provide the following materials prior to 3 p.m. (Lexington, KY time) on the date specified in Section 3.1 and addressed to the purchasing officer listed in Section 3.2:

- **Technical Proposal:** One (1) copy on electronic storage devices (USB) <u>clearly marked</u> with the proposal number and name, firm name and what is included (Technical Proposal) and one (1) printed original copy.
- **Financial Proposal:** One (1) copy on electronic storage devices (USB) <u>clearly marked</u> with the proposal number and name, firm name and what is included (Financial Proposal) and one (1) printed original copy.

Note: Proposals received after the closing date and time will not be considered. In addition, proposals received via fax or e-mail are not acceptable.

The University of Kentucky accepts deliveries of RFPs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lexington, KY time. However, RFPs must be received by 3 p.m. Lexington, KY time on the date specified on the RFP in order to be considered.

Proposals should be enclosed in sealed envelopes to the above referenced address and should show on the face of the envelope: the closing time and date specified, the solicitation number and the name and address of the offeror. The technical proposal should be submitted in a sealed envelope and the financial proposal should be submitted in a sealed envelope under separate cover. Both sealed envelopes should have identical information on the cover, with the addition that one will state "Technical Information," and the other, "Financial Proposal."

Note: In accordance with the Kentucky Revised Statute 45A.085, there will be no public opening.

3.8 Modification or Withdrawal of Offer

An offer and/or modification of an offer received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact hour and date specified for receipt will not be considered.

An offer may be modified or withdrawn by written notice before the exact hour and date specified for receipt of offers. An offer also may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or an authorized representative, provided the identity of the person is made known and the person signs a receipt for the offer, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the exact hour and date set for receipt of offers.

3.9 Acceptance or Rejection and Award of Proposal

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals (or parts of proposals), to waive any informalities or technicalities, to clarify any ambiguities in proposals and (unless otherwise specified) to accept any item in the proposal. In case of error in extension or prices or other errors in calculation, the unit price shall govern. Further, the University reserves the right to make a single award, split awards, multiple awards or no award, whichever is in the best interest of the University.

3.10 Rejection

Grounds for the rejection of proposals include (but not be limited to):

- Failure of a proposal to conform to the essential requirements of the RFP.
- Imposition of conditions that would significantly modify the terms and conditions of the solicitation or limit the offeror's liability to the University on the contract awarded on the basis of such solicitation.
- Failure of the offeror to sign the University RFP. This includes the Authentication of Proposal and Statement of Non-Collusion and Non-Conflict of Interest statements.
- Receipt of proposal after the closing date and time specified in the RFP.

3.11 Addenda

Any addenda or instructions issued by the purchasing agency prior to the time for receiving proposals shall become a part of this RFP. Such addenda should be acknowledged in the proposal. No instructions or changes shall be binding unless documented by a proper and duly issued addendum.

3.12 <u>Disclosure of Offeror's Response</u>

The RFP specifies the format, required information and general content of proposals submitted in response to this RFP. The purchasing agency will not disclose any portions of the proposals prior to contract award to anyone outside Procurement Services, the University's administrative staff, representatives of the state or federal government (if required) and the members of the committee evaluating the proposals. After a contract is awarded in whole or in part, the University shall have the right to duplicate, use or disclose all proposal data submitted by offerors in response to this RFP as a matter of public record.

Any submitted proposal shall remain valid six (6) months after the proposal due date.

The University shall have the right to use all system ideas, or adaptations of those ideas, contained in any proposal received in response to this RFP. Selection or rejection of the proposal will not affect this right.

3.13 Restrictions on Communications with University Staff

From the issue date of this RFP until a contractor is selected and a contract award is made, offerors are not allowed to communicate about the subject of the RFP with any University administrator, faculty, staff or members of the board of trustees except: the purchasing office representative, any University purchasing official representing the University administration, others authorized in writing by the purchasing office and University representatives during offeror presentations. If violation of this provision occurs, the University reserves the right to reject the offeror's proposal.

3.14 Cost of Preparing Proposal

Costs for developing the proposals and any subsequent activities prior to contract award are solely the responsibility of the offerors. The University will provide no reimbursement for such costs.

3.15 Disposition of Proposals

All proposals become the property of the University. The successful proposal will be incorporated into the resulting contract by reference.

3.16 <u>Alternate Proposals</u>

Offerors may submit alternate proposals. If more than one proposal is submitted, all should be complete (separate) and comply with the instructions set forth within this document. Each proposal will be evaluated on its own merits.

3.17 Questions

All questions should be submitted by e-mail to the purchasing officer listed in Section 3.2 no later than the date listed in Section 3.1.

3.18 Section Titles in the RFP

Section titles used herein are for the purpose of facilitating ease of reference only and shall not be construed to infer the construction of contractual language.

3.19 No Contingent Fees

No person or selling agency shall be employed or retained or given anything of monetary value to solicit or secure this contract, except bona fide employees of the offeror or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the offeror for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this provision, the University shall have the right to reject the proposal, annul the contract without liability, or, at its discretion, deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee or other benefit.

3.20 Proposal Addenda and Rules for Withdrawal

Prior to the date specified for receipt of offers, a submitted proposal may be withdrawn by submitting a written request for its withdrawal to the University purchasing office, signed by the offeror. Unless requested by the University, the University will not accept revisions or alterations to proposals after the proposal due date.

3.21 Requirement to Perform Vendor Onboarding and Registration

As a condition of award, and for any renewals performed during the life of the contract, successful Contractor agrees to register their company with PaymentWorks, Inc., the University's vendor onboarding application. Registration information will be provided by Procurement Services as part of the award process. Further, should any company or business information change during the life of the contract, successful Contractor agrees to update this information in PaymentWorks as applicable. Supplier agrees to and should be responsible for all updates on their PaymentWorks account as it relates to submitting new remit-to addresses or other required supplier profile information. PaymentWorks provides support to all suppliers transacting with the University of Kentucky on the platform. Supplier agrees to and should be responsible for engaging PaymentWorks Support for any needed issues regarding updates or other matters to ensure their supplier account remains connected to the University.

4.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

4.1 **Proposal Information and Criteria**

The following list specifies the items to be addressed in the proposal. Offerors should read it carefully and address it completely and in the order listed to facilitate the University's review of the proposal.

Proposals should be organized into the sections identified below. The content of each section is detailed in the following pages. It is strongly suggested that offerors use the same numbers for the following content that are used in the RFP.

- Signed Authentication of Proposal and Statement of Non-Collusion and Non-Conflict of Interest Form
- Transmittal Letter
- Executive Summary and Proposal Overview
- Criteria 1 Offeror Qualifications
- Criteria 2 Services Defined
- Criteria 3 Financial Proposal
- Criteria 4 Evidence of Successful Performance and Implementation Schedule
- Criteria 5 Other Additional Information

4.2 <u>Signed Authentication of Proposal and Statements of Non-Collusion and Non-Conflict of Interest Form</u>

The Offeror will sign and return the proposal cover sheet and print or type their name, firm, address, telephone number and date. The person signing the offer should initial erasures or other changes. An offer signed by an agent is to be accompanied by evidence of their authority unless such evidence has been previously furnished to the purchasing agency. The signer shall further certify that the proposal is made without collusion with any other person, persons, company or parties submitting a proposal; that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud; and that the signer is authorized to bind the principal offeror.

4.3 <u>Transmittal Letter</u>

The Transmittal Letter accompanying the RFP should be in the form of a standard business letter and should be signed by an individual authorized to legally bind the offeror. It should include:

- A statement referencing all addenda and written questions, the answers and any clarifications
 to this RFP issued by the University and received by the offeror (If no addenda have been
 received, a statement to that effect should be included.).
- A statement that the offeror's proposal shall remain valid for six (6) months after the closing date of the receipt of the proposals.
- A statement that the offeror will accept financial responsibility for all travel expenses incurred for oral presentations (if required) and candidate interviews.

- A statement that summarizes any deviations or exceptions to the RFP requirements and includes a detailed justification for the deviation or exception.
- A statement that identifies the confidential information as described in Section 6.23.

4.4 **Executive Summary and Proposal Overview**

The Executive Summary and Proposal Overview should condense and highlight the contents of the technical proposal in such a way as to provide the evaluation committee with a broad understanding of the entire proposal.

As part of the Executive Summary and Proposal Overview, Offeror should submit with their response a summarized profile describing the demographic nature of their company or organization:

- 1. When was your organization established and/or incorporated?
- 2. Indicate whether your organization is classified as local, regional, national, or international.
- 3. Describe the size of your company in terms of number of employees, gross sales, etc.
- 4. Include other demographic information that you feel may be applicable to the Invitation for Bids submission.

Business Description	Check All That Apply
Minority-Owned	
Woman-Owned	
Small Business	
Veteran-Owned	
LGBTQ-Owned	
Disability-Owned Business Entity (DOBE)	
Diversity Not Indicated	

Kentucky Located	Yes/No?
Kentucky Located – Please indicate whether your business entity is physically located within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.	

4.5 Criteria 1 - Offeror Qualifications

The purpose of the Offeror Qualifications section is to determine the ability of the offeror to respond to this RFP. Offerors should describe and offer evidence of their ability to meet each of the qualifications listed below.

Our supply chains and business partnerships are an important aspect of this work. In your proposal, please (A) provide your company's mission and vision relative to sustainability, and (B) how your company, through services, products, and partnerships, will help the University of Kentucky advance specific elements of the Sustainability Strategic Plan.

Offerors shall describe and offer evidence of their ability to meet each of the qualifications listed below.

- 1. Qualifications- Proposed Design/Builders Team
 - Provide a Project Organizational Flow Chart listing the primary firm/project manager responsible for the entire project. Sub-consultants and subcontractors and their subconsultants and subcontractors will then be identified as to how they will report through to the primary firm. Specific disciplines required in Section 2.1 and 7.0 Technical Requirements shall be clearly noted.
 - Briefly describe the qualifications of each firm listed on the submitted Project Organizational Chart mentioned above. Describe the role of each firm as it applies to this project. Quality of recently completed projects, with regards to design excellence that suggests a capability to make thorough design decisions and recommendations with regards to their specific discipline, as required in Sections 2.1 and 7.0 Technical Requirements. Provide a brief narrative on the history of each firm listed on the submitted Project Organizational Chart requested above.
 - Please provide the Offerors qualifications for performing the work described in the RFP.
 - Provide the number of employees required to perform the work.
 - The submittal shall reference any past working relationships within the Design/Build Team, either as the primary Design/Build Firm or as sub-consultants/sub-contractors.
 - Do you have the type of equipment and amount of equipment to support the work required for this project? Provide a list of the equipment owned by the company and list the equipment to be used to service Kroger Field.
 - Also, please provide a statement that the Offeror has the resources available to ensure meeting the requirements described in Section 2.1 of this RFP.
 - At minimum, potential Contractors are to have at least three (3) years of experience providing "turnkey" Video/Ribbon Board systems for outdoor facilities.

4.6 <u>Criteria 2 – Services Defined</u>

- 1. Provide documentation that proves the Offeror complies with these requirements shall be provided with the LED display manufacturer's pre-build technical submittal. This submittal shall also include references and project information for all the systems mentioned above, including:
 - i. Equipment owner/operator agency name
 - ii. Contact person name, telephone number, fax number, and email address
 - iii. Display system name and location of operations control center (project name/number)
 - iv. Display quantity
 - v. Full color video LED display size (pixel rows by pixel numbers)
 - vi. Display housing access
 - vii. Type of communications backbone used (fiber optic, cable, direct, etc.)
 - viii. Power and data requirements, along with exact locations of "tie-ins"
- 2. Describe how your firm proposes to accomplish each phase of the work to include design equipment selection, installation, training and after warranty service to include the staffing levels and frequency of the types of services required.
- 3. What support will your company require from the University of Kentucky or the project owner?
- 4. Please describe how your company plans to protect the integrity of the stadium (to include the field, surrounding track, field goal netting, etc.) and return all areas to their existing condition.
- 5. Provide information on the capabilities of the system, the function of the overall system and each of its components and the ways in which the components are integrated.
- 6. Provide information on the scalability of the system and each of its components.
- 7. The Offeror shall indicate its ability to provide technical training services onsite in the operation and maintenance of the entire system. Offerors must agree that the University shall be able to reproduce any associated training manuals, materials, etc. which are provided as part of the training offered to the University staff. Please outline a detailed training plan and include with your proposal.
- 8. Please describe the warranty that your firm provides. Explain what is covered and what is not covered. Also, does it include labor?
- 9. Please describe how your firm proposes to perform the site logistics for this project.

4.7 Criteria 3 – Financial Proposal

The Financial Summary Form should contain the complete financial offer made to the University using the format contained in Section 8.0. All financial information should be submitted in a sealed envelope under separate cover.

4.8 <u>Criteria 4 – Evidence of Successful Performance and Implementation Schedule</u>

- 1. Please provide an implementation schedule to complete the project assuming a start date of July 18, 2025, with Substantial Completion by August 11, 2022 and final completion August 15, 2025.
- 2. Provide evidence of the Company's experience in projects of similar use and scale as described in this RFP. At minimum, potential Contractors are to have at least three (3) years of experience providing "turnkey" Video Board systems for outdoor facilities.
- 3. Offerors are to provide references for the above installations including the name of facility, installation photo, current contract name, title, address and phone number with type of system, location, and for those who were responsible for the selection of the product.

4.9 <u>Criteria 5 – Other Additional Information</u>

Please provide any additional information that the offeror feels should be considered when evaluating their proposal.

The offeror may present any creative approaches that might be appropriate. The offeror may also provide supporting documentation that would be pertinent to this RFP.

Lastly, please answer the following questions:

- Describe any investments and capabilities regarding AI/ML
- What is the average tenure of your clients (# of years a client uses your solution)?

5.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA PROCESS

A committee of University officials appointed by the Chief Procurement Officer will evaluate proposals and make a recommendation to the Chief Procurement Officer. The evaluation will be based upon the information provided in the proposal, additional information requested by the University for clarification, information obtained from references and independent sources and oral presentations (if requested).

The evaluation of responsive proposals shall then be completed by an evaluation team, which will determine the ranking of proposals. Proposals will be evaluated strictly in accordance with the requirements set forth in this solicitation, including any addenda that are issued. The University will award the contract to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the University, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP.

The evaluation of proposals will include consideration of responses to the list of criteria in Section 4.0. Offerors should specifically address all criteria in their response. Any deviations or exceptions to the specifications or requirements should be described and justified in a transmittal letter. Failure to list such exceptions or deviations in the transmittal letter may be considered sufficient reason to reject the proposal.

The relative importance of the criteria is defined below:

Primary Criteria

- Offeror Qualifications
- Services Defined
- Financial Proposal
- Evidence of Successful Performance and Implementation

Secondary Criteria

Other Additional Services

The University will evaluate proposals as submitted and may not notify offerors of deficiencies in their responses.

Proposals should contain responses to each of the criteria, listed in Section 4 even if the offeror's response cannot satisfy those criteria. A proposal may be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete in the judgment of the University.

6.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

6.1 Contract Term

The contract resulting from this RFP will be for this project only.

6.2 Effective Date

The effective date of the contract should be the date upon which the parties execute it and all appropriate approvals, including that of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Government Contracts Review Committee, have been received.

6.3 <u>Competitive Negotiation</u>

It is the intent of the RFP to enter into competitive negotiation as authorized by KRS 45A.085.

The University will review all proposals properly submitted. However, the University reserves the right to request necessary modifications, reject all proposals, reject any proposal that does not meet mandatory requirement(s) or cancel this RFP, according to the best interests of the University.

Offeror(s) selected to participate in negotiations may be given an opportunity to submit a Best and Final Offer to the purchasing agency. All information received prior to the cut-off time will be considered part of the offeror's Best and Final Offer.

The University also reserves the right to waive minor technicalities or irregularities in proposals providing such action is in the best interest of the University. Such a waiver should in no way modify the RFP requirements or excuse the offeror from full compliance with the RFP specifications and other contract requirements if the offeror is awarded the contract.

6.4 Appearance Before Committee

Any, all or no offerors may be requested to appear before the evaluation committee to explain their proposal and/or to respond to questions from the committee concerning the proposal. Offerors are prohibited from electronically recording these meetings. The committee reserves the right to request additional information.

6.5 Additions, Deletions or Contract Changes

The University reserves the right to add, delete, or change related items or services to the contract established from this RFP. No modification or change of any provision in the resulting contract shall be made unless such modification is mutually agreed to in writing by the contractor and the Chief Procurement Officer and incorporated as a written modification to the contract. Memoranda of understanding and correspondence should not be interpreted as a modification to the contract.

6.6 <u>Contractor Cooperation in Related Efforts</u>

The University reserves the right to undertake or award other contracts for additional or related work to other entities. The contractor shall fully cooperate with such other contractors and University employees and carefully fit its work to such additional work. The contractor shall not commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or by University employees. This clause shall be included in the contracts of all contractors with whom this contractor will be required to cooperate. The University shall equitably enforce this clause to all contractors to prevent the imposition of unreasonable burdens on any contractor.

6.7 Entire Agreement

The RFP should be incorporated into any resulting contract. The resulting contract, including the RFP and those portions of the offeror's response accepted by the University, should be the entire agreement between the parties.

6.8 Governing Law

The contractor shall conform to and observe all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the United States of America, Commonwealth of Kentucky and all other local governments, public authorities, boards or offices relating to the property or the improvements upon same (or the use thereof) and will not permit the same to be used for any illegal or immoral purposes, business or occupation. The resulting contract shall be governed by Kentucky law and any claim relating to this contract shall only be brought in the Franklin Circuit Court in accordance with KRS 45A.245.

6.9 <u>Kentucky's Personal Information Security and Breach Investigation Procedures and Practices Act</u>

To the extent Company receives Personal Information as defined by and in accordance with Kentucky's Personal Information Security and Breach Investigation Procedures and Practices Act, KRS 61.931, 61.932 and 61.933 (the "Act"), Company shall secure and protect the Personal Information by, without limitation: (i) complying with all requirements applicable to non-affiliated third parties set forth in the Act; (ii) utilizing security and breach investigation procedures that are appropriate to the nature of the Personal Information disclosed, at least as stringent as University's and reasonably designed to protect the Personal Information from unauthorized access, use. modification, disclosure, manipulation, or destruction; (iii) notifying University of a security breach relating to Personal Information in the possession of Company or its agents or subcontractors within seventy-two (72) hours of discovery of an actual or suspected breach unless the exception set forth in KRS 61.932(2)(b)2 applies and Company abides by the requirements set forth in that exception; (iv) cooperating with University in complying with the response, mitigation, correction, investigation, and notification requirements of the Act, (v) paying all costs of notification, investigation and mitigation in the event of a security breach of Personal Information suffered by Company; and (vi) at University's discretion and direction, handling all administrative functions associated with notification, investigation and mitigation.

6.10 Termination for Convenience

The University of Kentucky, Procurement Services, reserves the right to terminate the resulting contract without cause with thirty (30) day written notice. Upon receipt by the contractor of a "notice of termination," the contractor shall discontinue all services with respect to the applicable contract. The cost of any agreed upon services provided by the contractor will be calculated at the agreed upon rate prior to a "notice of termination" and a fixed fee contract will be pro-rated (as appropriate).

6.11 Termination for Non-Performance

Default

The University may terminate the resulting contract for non-performance, as determined by the University, for such causes as:

- Failing to provide satisfactory quality of service, including, failure to maintain adequate
 personnel, whether arising from labor disputes, or otherwise any substantial change in
 ownership or proprietorship of the Contractor, which in the opinion of the University is not in its
 best interest, or failure to comply with the terms of this contract;
- Failing to keep or perform, within the time period set forth herein, or violation of, any of the covenants, conditions, provisions or agreements herein contained;
- Adjudicating as a voluntarily bankrupt, making a transfer in fraud of its creditors, filing a petition under any section from time to time, or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or if an order for relief shall be entered against the Contractor in any proceeding filed by or against contractor thereunder. In the event of any such involuntary bankruptcy proceeding being instituted against the Contractor, the fact of such an involuntary petition being filed shall not be considered an event of default until sixty (60) days after filing of said petition in order that Contractor might during that sixty (60) day period have the opportunity to seek dismissal of the involuntary petition or otherwise cure said potential default; or
- Making a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or taking the benefit of any
 insolvency act, or if a permanent receiver or trustee in bankruptcy shall be appointed for the
 Contractor.

Demand for Assurances

In the event the University has reason to believe Contractor will be unable to perform under the Contract, it may make a demand for reasonable assurances that Contractor will be able to timely perform all obligations under the Contract. If Contractor is unable to provide such adequate assurances, then such failure may be an event of default and grounds for termination of the Contract.

Notification

The University will provide ten (10) calendar days written notice of default. Unless arrangements are made to correct the non-performance issues to the University's satisfaction within ten (10) calendar days, the University may terminate the contract by giving forty-five (45) days notice, by registered or certified mail, of its intent to cancel this contract.

6.12 Funding Out

The University may terminate this contract if funds are not appropriated or are not otherwise available for the purpose of making payments without incurring any obligation for payment after the date of termination, regardless of the terms of the contract. The University shall provide the contractor thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of termination under this provision.

6.13 Prime Contractor Responsibility

Any contracts that may result from the RFP shall specify that the contractor(s) is/are solely responsible for fulfillment of the contract with the University.

6.14 Assignment and Subcontracting

The Contractor(s) may not assign or delegate its rights and obligations under any contract in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the University. Any attempted assignment or subcontracting shall be void.

6.15 Permits, Licenses, Taxes

The contractor shall procure all necessary permits and licenses and abide by all applicable laws, regulations and ordinances of all federal, state and local governments in which work under this contract is performed.

The contractor must furnish certification of authority to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a condition of contract award. Such registration is obtained from the Secretary of State, who will also provide the certification thereof. However, the contractor need not be registered as a prerequisite for responding to the RFP.

The contractor shall pay any sales, use, personal property and other tax arising out of this contract and the transaction contemplated hereby. Any other taxes levied upon this contract, the transaction or the equipment or services delivered pursuant hereto shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

The contractor will be required to accept liability for payment of all payroll taxes or deductions required by local and federal law including (but not limited to) old age pension, social security or annuities.

6.16 Attorneys' Fees

In the event that either party deems it necessary to take legal action to enforce any provision of the contract and in the event that the University prevails, the contractor agrees to pay all expenses of such action including attorneys' fees and costs at all stages of litigation.

6.17 Royalties, Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks

The Contractor shall pay all applicable royalties and license fees. If a particular process, products or device is specified in the contract documents and it is known to be subject to patent rights or copyrights, the existence of such rights shall be disclosed in the contract documents and the Contractor is responsible for payment of all associated royalties. To the fullest extent permitted by law the Contractor shall indemnify, hold the University harmless, and defend all suits, claims, losses, damages or liability resulting from any infringement of patent, copyright, and trademark rights resulting from the incorporation in the Work or device specified in the Contract Documents.

Unless provided otherwise in the contract, the Contractor shall not use the University's name nor any of its trademarks or copyrights, although it may state that it has a Contract with the University.

6.18 Indemnification

The contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless the University, its affiliates and subsidiaries and their officers, agents and employees from losses, claims, suits, actions, expenses, damages, costs (including court costs and attorneys' fees of the University's attorneys), all liability of any nature or kind arising out of or relating to the Contractor's response to this RFP or its performance or failure to perform under the contract awarded from this RFP. This clause shall survive termination for as long as necessary to protect the University.

6.19 Insurance

The successful Contractor shall procure and maintain, at its expense, the following minimum insurance coverages insuring all services, work activities and contractual obligations undertaken in this contract. These insurance policies must be with insurers acceptable to the University.

COVERAGES

Workers' Compensation
Employer's Liability
Commercial General Liability including
operations/completed operations, products
and contractual liability (including defense
and investigation costs), and this contract
Business Automobile Liability covering
owned, leased, or non-owned autos

LIMITS

Statutory Requirements (Kentucky) \$500,000/\$500,000/\$500,000 \$1,000,000 each occurrence (BI & PD combined) \$2,000,000 Products and Completed Operations Aggregate

\$1,000,000 each occurrence (BI & PD combined)

The successful contractor agrees to furnish Certificates of Insurance for the above-described coverages and limits to the University of Kentucky, Procurement Services. The University, its trustees and employees must be added as additional insured on the Commercial General Liability policy with regard to the scope of this solicitation. Any deductibles or self-insured retention in the above-described policies must be paid and are the sole responsibility of the contractor. Coverage is to be primary and non-contributory with other coverage (if any) purchased by the University. All of these required policies must include a Waiver of Subrogation (except Workers' Compensation) in favor of the University, its trustees and employees.

6.20 Method of Award

It is the intent of the University to award a contract to the qualified offeror whose offer, conforming to the conditions and requirements of the RFP, is determined to be the most advantageous to the University, cost and other factors considered.

Notwithstanding the above, this RFP does not commit the University to award a contract from this solicitation. The University reserves the right to reject any or all offers and to waive formalities and minor irregularities in the proposal received.

6.21 Reciprocal Preference

In accordance with KRS 45A.494, a resident offeror of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be given a preference against a nonresident offeror. In evaluating proposals, the University will apply a reciprocal preference against an offeror submitting a proposal from a state that grants residency preference equal to the preference given by the state of the nonresident offeror. Residency and non-residency shall be defined in accordance with KRS 45A.494(2) and 45A.494(3), respectively. Any offeror claiming Kentucky residency status shall submit with its proposal a notarized affidavit affirming that it meets the criteria as set forth in the above reference statute.

6.22 Reports and Auditing (NOT USED)

6.23 Confidentiality

The University recognizes an offeror's possible interest in preserving selected information and data included in the proposal; however, the University must treat such information and data as required by the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870, et seq.

Information areas which normally might be considered proprietary, and therefore confidential, shall be limited to individual personnel data, customer references, formulae and company financial audits which, if disclosed, would permit an unfair advantage to competitors. If a proposal contains information in these areas and the offeror declares them to be proprietary in nature and not available for public disclosure, the offeror should declare in the Transmittal Letter the inclusion of proprietary information and shall noticeably label as confidential or proprietary each sheet containing such information. Proposals containing information declared by the offeror to be proprietary or confidential, either wholly or in part, outside the areas listed above may be deemed non-responsive and may be rejected.

The University's General Counsel shall review each offeror's information claimed to be confidential and, in consultation with the offeror (if needed), make a final determination as to whether or not the confidential or proprietary nature of the information or data complies with the Kentucky Open Records Act.

6.24 Conflict of Interest

This Request for Proposal and resulting Contract are subject to provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes regarding conflict of interest and the University of Kentucky's Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct (www.uky.edu/Legal/ethicscode.htm). When submitting and signing a proposal, an offeror certifies that no actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest exists between the interests of the University and the interests of the offeror. A conflict of interest (whether contractual, financial, organizational or otherwise) exists when any individual, contractor or subcontractor has a direct or indirect interest because of a financial or pecuniary interest, gift or other activities or relationships with other persons (including business, familial or household relationships) and is thus unable to render or is impeded from rendering impartial assistance or advice, has impaired objectivity in performing the proposed work or has an unfair competitive advantage.

Questions concerning this section or interpretation of this section should be directed to the University purchasing officer identified in this RFP.

6.25 Personal Service Contract Policies (NOT USED)

6.26 Copyright Ownership and Title to Designs and Copy

The contractor and University intend this RFP to result in a contract for services, and both consider the products and results of the services to be rendered by the contractor hereunder to be a work made for hire. The contractor acknowledges and agrees that the work and all rights therein, including (without limitation) copyright, belong to and shall be the sole and exclusive property of the University. For any work that is not considered a work made for hire under applicable law, title and copyright ownership shall be assigned to the University.

Title to all dies, type, cuts, artwork, negatives, positives, color separations, progressive proofs, plates, copy and any other requirement not stated herein required for completion of the finished product for use in connection with any University job shall be the property of and owned by the University. Such items shall be returned to the appropriate department upon completion and/or delivery of work unless otherwise authorized by the University. In the event that time of return is not specified, the contractor shall return all such items to the appropriate University department within one week of delivery.

6.27 <u>University Brand Standards</u>

The contractor must adhere to all University of Kentucky Brand Standards. University Brand Standards are maintained by the University Public Relations Office (UKPR) and can be viewed at https://brand.uky.edu/. Non-adherence to the standards can have a penalty up to and including contract cancellation. Only the UKPR Director or designee can approve exceptions to the University standards.

Graphics standards for the UK HealthCare areas are governed by UK HealthCare Clinical Enterprise Graphic Standards, found at: https://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/staff/brand-strategy.

Contractor warrants that its products or services provided hereunder will be in compliance with all applicable Federal disabilities laws and regulations, including without limitation the accessibility requirements of Section 255 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. § 255) and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794d), and its implementing regulations set forth at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1194. For purposes of clarity, updated regulations under Section 508 standards now incorporate WCAG 2.0, and for purposes of this agreement WCAG 2.0 Level AA compliance is expressly included. Contractor agrees to promptly respond to, resolve and remediate any complaint regarding accessibility of products or services in a timely manner and provide an updated version to University at no cost. If deficiencies are identified, University reserves the right to request from Contractor, a timeline by which accessibility standards will be incorporated into the products or services provided by Contractor and shall provide such a timeline within a commercially reasonable duration of time. Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and may be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

Where any customized web services are provided, Contractor represents that it has reviewed the University's Web Policy and all products or services will comply with its published standards.

Contractor will provide University with a current Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) for any deliverable(s). If none is available, Vendor will provide sufficient information to reasonably assure the University that the products or services are fully compliant with current requirements.

6.28 **Printing Statutes** (NOT USED)

6.29 Requirement for Contract Administration Fee (NOT USED)

6.30 Payment Terms

The University adheres to a strategic approach regarding payables management based on risk minimization, processing costs, and industry best practices. As such, suppliers and individuals doing business with the University will be paid based on the following protocol:

- The University utilizes Payment Plus (e-payables) as its primary default form of payment. By enrolling in Payment Plus, suppliers can receive payments immediately (all invoices will be paid immediately upon confirmation of goods receipt and invoice). The process is electronic and the supplier receives real-time payment notices. Additional information regarding Payment Plus (and enrollment form) can be found at: https://www.uky.edu/ufs/payment-plus-supplier-enrollment-form.
- 2. Payments by check. Payment terms for check payments are Net-30.
- 3. Individuals receiving payments from the University that require ACH direct payments will only be processed under special circumstances as approved by the Controller's office. Payment terms for ACH are Net-30.

7.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

7.1 <u>Detailed Services Defined</u>

Details of Video Boards

- 1. Quantity: 4 (2 on West End Zone Wall/ 2 on East End Zone Wall) LED Video Displays that are HD/SDI compatible.
 - a. Video displays that are approximately 4'2.5"H x 28'4.25"W (approx. 119 sq.ft.)
- 2. Pixel Resolution: 13mm or less a. Provided detailed information regarding pixel characteristics.
- 3. As it relates to minimum resolution, please describe pixel resolution as it relates to pixel pitch.
- 4. Describe panel specifications in regard to NIT's and any brightness guarantee.
- 5. Describe brightness of individual adjacent LED's as to percent of variance.
- 6. Describe display's intensity adjustability in number of levels.
- 7. Describe manual control of preset illumination levels in percentages (%).
- 8. Describe refresh rate in Hz.
- 9. System shall accept HD/SDI from the control room.
- 10. Display shall have redundant data processing with a streamlined backup transition (manual switch or automatic switch when error is detected), a cable swapping method will not be accepted.
- 11. Uniformity of specifications to apply across all specified minimum horizontal and vertical viewing angles and are to be met for an all-white, all red, all green, and all blue screen display.
- 12. Describe panel specifications in relation to percent of brightness at different horizontal and vertical viewing angles.
- 13. Describe your method of video processing redundancy and how the transition is achieved from primary to backup video processor. a. Is video passed to the video board software dependent, or can video be passed to the board with hardware only?
- 14. The board shall include finish trim and include complete board enclosure to match the existing or painted to match the existing and blend with the stadium façade. The boards shall not impede spectator sight lines of the field and must not negatively impact field drains located the proposed board locations.
- 15. Successful contractor shall provide a set of record drawings and as-builts for UK Records
- 16. The University intends to use a channel on a Ross-Tessera to push content to the boards provided by the vendor.

INSTALLATION

- 1. Material or equipment required for the provision and installation of the LED video system that are not expressly addressed in this RFP is understood to be the responsibility of the Contractor.
- 2. Substantial completion of Installation shall be on or before August 11, 2022.
 - a. Final completion on or before August 15, 2025.
- 3. Support structure design depends on the mounting methods, display size and weight. The structure design is critical and should be done only by a qualified individual. The Owner's responsible for providing adequate documentation from a certified structural engineer to ensure that the structure and mounting hardware are adequate.
- 4. The Contractor shall be responsible for the provision and installation of all structural steel required for the accommodation of the new systems.
- 5. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing all display equipment shown on the noted drawings and shall be responsible for all architectural treatment required to give the entire display the general appearance as shown on the drawings.
- 6. The Contractor shall be responsible for assembly and mounting of all display components onto the Contractor-supplied structure.
- 7. It is the University responsibility to ensure that the installation meets local standards. The mounting hardware shall be capable of supporting all components to be mounted. A qualified structural engineer shall inspect all mounted displays.
- 8. The contractor shall be responsible for all power, data, and conduit installation per University standards. Attention should be given to ensure all conduit is discrete as possible, matching façade colors where visible
- 9. Possible power and signal entrances are designated by center punches. Separate conduit shall be used to route the power, signal in wires, and signal out wires.
- 10. Displays must be grounded according to the provisions outlined in Article 250 of the National Electrical Code. The display must be connected to earth-ground. Proper grounding is necessary for reliable equipment operation and protects the equipment from damaging electrical disturbances and lightning.
- 11. Contractor shall furnish all required cables for a fully operational system.
- 12. Contractor shall provide all required materials and labor to provide display mounting, cable terminations, system checkout and local operator training at the time of installation.
- 13. Contractor to provide an adequate supply of spare parts on site, which will ensure the timely repair of component failures. Owner has the option to purchase a 3% attic stock of components at the end of the warranty period.
- 14. Contractor to take full responsibility of protecting the integrity of all areas in Kroger Field; at the completion of the project returning all areas to their existing conditions.

- 17. The board shall include finish trim and include complete board enclosure to match the existing or painted to match the existing and blend with the stadium façade. The boards shall not impede spectator sight lines of the field and must not negatively impact field drains located the proposed board locations.
- 18. Record drawings shall be provided to the University for archive data collection.

Engineering

The Contractor must submit drawings and calculations, stamped by a professional engineer, registered in the State of KY to owner. The University shall approve all drawings in writing prior to the fabrication and installation of any equipment. The Contractor, not the university, is solely responsible for the verification and integrity of all engineering calculations. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to determine the level of reinforcement required to the primary building structure as required for support of the video displays. Contractor is solely responsible for verification of all information provided or implied.

Structural Considerations

Contractor is responsible to design, engineer, build, deliver, install, integrate, and commission a complete turnkey scoreboard structure. All required sub-structure needed to support all display components, flashing and any other related equipment shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to furnish and install. Contractor is responsible for design and erection of all materials related to the new equipment. Structure is to be fabricated using structural steel and aluminum, no plywood or inferior building materials will be accepted. Internal sub-structure must provide adequate access to all LED panels through modification of the existing catwalks and/or ships ladders. All welders must be certified, and field welds must be tested prior to painting. To minimize fading or oxidation, all finishes must be primed and coated. All areas of the primary and support structure must be primed and painted to match the support finish.

Electrical and Data

The electrical design and installation must comply with federal, state, and local codes. The Contractor shall provide and electrical and data diagram. Electrical design and engineering must be reviewed and approved by the Owner prior to any electrical work by the Contractor. The Owner will be responsible for all necessary upgrades to the primary power source if required. The Contractor will be responsible for power distribution to each necessary display cabinet. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision and installation of all load centers, breaker panels, circuit breakers, fiber, cable, conduit required. The Contractor shall be responsible for termination and final connect of power to all elements. Circuit-breakers and resets are to be located at ground level. Contractor to provide all required fiber transmitters and receivers including all required amplification (where required) to produce optimal signal strength. Contractor will be responsible to terminate and perform final connection of all cables. Cables will be routed from the specified control locations to the display components per contractors' diagram. Industry standards including approved connectors and terminators must be used at all times. Upon completion of the installation, the project must pass any and all applicable inspections to include electrical.

Training

The Contractor at its own expense will provide designated employees operator and maintenance training. Training will be performed at the site by a qualified technician and occur either during the time of the installation of the Equipment or immediately thereafter. The training shall cover the operation, routine maintenance and troubleshooting of the displays, processors and backup switching operation. At the time of training, the Contractor will supply the Owner with two (2) hard copy and four (4) digital copy complete sets of operator's manuals including wiring diagrams to cover all the aspects of the training. Training shall consist of at least one (1) full day of training to be completed prior to August 15, 2022. The Contractor will be required to have a qualified operator/technician on site for the first event and the 2025 Home Football Schedule. Following the 2025 Home Football Season, the owner must have the option to schedule an on-site service technician for home football seasons throughout the life cycle of the board at the owners expense.

Testing and Acceptance

Contractor must demonstrate the full capabilities of the video displays and prove performance meets contractual specifications. Confirmation will be required of but not limited to the following functions: operation of each system component, control functionality, diagnostic capabilities, screen brightness, color temperature and viewing angles. Upon notice from the Contractor of substantial completion and at a time to be mutually agreed upon, the Contractor will arrange for the testing of all operations of the systems comprised in scope of work at the time of substantial completion. The Contractor will be responsible for ensuring that a verified signal from the control room is able to be displayed on the completed displays.

Warranty

Contractor to Provide Warranty Information. Minimum 1 Year parts and Labor. Additional warranty as alternate or a value-added item as part of proposal. Owner has the right to purchase year to year warranty extension up to 10 years of board life. During this time the system shall be free of defects and deficiencies and conform to the drawings and specifications to the quality, function, and characteristics. Contractor will repair or replace defects that occur in labor or materials within the Warranty Period to the quota established at the commencement of the Warranty Period, at the time of final sign-off, contractor must supply an adequate amount of spare parts inventory, regardless of spare parts used during testing. An adequate supply of spare parts must be kept on site and the remainder can be kept off site in contractors' warehouse facility. The University has the right to purchase a 3% attic stock of components at the completion of the warranty period.

- 1. Repair center repair or replacement of components for Contractor-supplied control equipment.
- 2. Bench labor.
- 3. Freight to customer for return of repaired parts.
- 4. Repair, replacement of electronic components in Contractor repair center.
- 5. 24/7 Technical hotline assistance/phone consultation available at no cost to the customer.
- 6. Exchange parts available for same-day shipment.
- 7. Provide an exchange program to supply replacement parts for components that fail during the coverage period. To minimize downtime exchange parts shall be shipped on either the same day or the following day following notification. The manufacturer shall also enclose an air bill for return of the defective components.
- 8. On site response time of 4-12 hours when issues arise.

Additional Scope Information for Contractor to Provide

- 1. Product Data Specifications
- 2. Fabrication Shop Drawings
- 3. Engineering Calculations for all structural support drawings
- 4. Installation /Attachment/Shop Drawings
- 5. Copies of all required business licenses
- 6. Copies of all insurance requirements as outlined
- 7. Electrical/Data Cabling Diagrams
- 8. Component Weight and Power Calculations
- 9. Operation/Maintenance Manuals
- 10. Delivery/Installation/Timeline Schedule
- 11. Install LED components onto structure.
- 12. Deliver all Equipment to site and convey to appropriate locations within site as directed by the University
- 13. Store all Equipment in a safe and secure manner until installed or otherwise directed by owner.
- 14. Terminate and accept Control Room Link cable as directed by the University
- 15. Provide all data cable: connect all equipment with signal and control wiring. (Pathway for Signal cable to be provided by the University).
- 16. Integrate display with control room processing equipment.
- 17. Commission displays as specified.
- 19. Provide record drawings as specified.

7.2 Optional Services

Provide pricing for warranty options:

Pricing for additional years of parts and labor warranty. Owner shall be guaranteed the right to purchase warranty option through year 10 of the life of the board if the owner chooses.

Pricing for additional years of parts only warranty. Owner shall be guaranteed the right to purchase warranty option through year 10 of the life of the boards if the owner chooses.

8.0 FINANCIAL OFFER SUMMARY

Offerors are to provide a fixed price for the services offered on the enclosed "Attachment A – Financial Offer for UK".

8.1 Mandatory Services (Section 7.1)

Please complete and attach the enclosed "Attachment A – Financial Offer for UK".

8.2 Optional Services (Section 7.2)

Offerors must provide a bid on the optional services detailed in Section 7.2. The University should, at its sole discretion, make the determination as to whether the optional service will be undertaken.

Please submit your bid on optional services by completing Section 7.2.

8.3 Alternate Pricing

In addition to the above financial offer, the offeror may submit alternative financial proposals, however the information requested above must be supplied and will be used for proposal evaluation purposes.

Additional Financial Commitment

The University is interested in partnering with suppliers in a strategic manner beyond the scope of the business arrangement. Offerors may submit proposals for mutually beneficial activities. Options may include a signing bonus, scholarships, internships, research, development, commitment to hire University graduates, and/or partnering on academic endeavors. Any ideas or offers submitted are purely optional and will not be determinative of the award.

ATTACHMENT A Financial Offer for UK-2539-26

Base Price for Equipment Package:

Equipment Price

The offeror agrees to furnish all materials, supplies and services required to complete the Work, for the above referenced Project, for the Capital Construction Procurement Section, University of Kentucky, as described in the RFP including Attachments and as modified by the Addenda listed above.

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