



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Invitation Number	RE-0225-26
Issue Date:	02-19-2026
Title:	Invitation for Land Lease in Princeton Ky
IMPORTANT: PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 03/05/2026 3:00 P.M. Lexington, KY time.	

**Two copies of response may be made by any person in writing on or before:
3:00p.m, March 5, 2026.**

and must be sent to:

**Procurement Services
University of Kentucky
411 South Limestone
322 Peterson Service Building
Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0005.
RE: RE-0225-26**

Incorrectly addressed envelopes and FAX responses will not be accepted.

All responses received, before the deadline and properly addressed, will be publicly opened and read at the above designated date and time.

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.

NAME OF COMPANY:	FEIN #
ADDRESS:	DUNS #:
CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE:	Phone/Fax:
TYPED OR PRINTED NAME:	E-MAIL:
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

Conflict of Interest

This RFP and any resulting lease agreement are subject to provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and the University's regulations and policies. When submitting and signing a proposal, an offeror is certifying that any actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest that exists between the University and the offeror has been disclosed herein.

List name(s) of all individuals who have any ownership in the proposed property listed within.

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| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

INVITATION FOR LAND LEASE

The University of Kentucky Research & Education Center, Princeton, Ky is seeking to lease approximately ten acres to a bidder, they would grow approximately 4 acres of dark fire-cured tobacco, approximately 4 acres of air-cured tobacco, and 2 acres of burley tobacco as part of research trials conducted. At least 90% of the tobacco produced from research trials would be marketable (approximately 23,000 lbs of marketable tobacco produced annually). The successful offeror would be responsible for providing labor for all work activities including but not limited to transplanting, weeding, topping (flower removal), sucker control, harvest, housing in curing barns, and stripping by stalk position. This would be an annual agreement from May 15 to December 31 each year, with the potential option of up to five (5) one-year renewals (to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval). Total person-hours required for this tobacco research crop would be approximately 2,500 person-hours (500 hours per worker based on five workers) annually. The university researcher and successful offeror would work together through all stages of crop production. The researcher would collect all research data needed for the program. The successful offeror would in turn sell the tobacco and keep all revenue. The successful offeror would provide all necessary liability insurance for workers provided.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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.

For any questions regarding this proposal, please contact David Stefanic in Procurement Services at 859-257-5792 or david.stefanic@uky.edu.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cost paid to the University to lease land from May 15 to December 31 annually \$_____

Proposed Length of Lease Term _____