ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SURFACE LEASE OF LSU AG CENTER IBERIA RESEARCH STATION ACREAGE BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

Pursuant to La. R.S. 41:1211 et seq., notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College ("LSU") until 11:00AM April 2, 2020, in the LSU Procurement Office, Room 213, Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for a lease or leases covering the surface of certain lands comprising a portion of the LSU Ag Center Iberia Research Station in Iberia Parish, for the purpose of agricultural production, and such other uses as are expressly agreed to by LSU.?

The lease shall contain the customary provisions of leases, as well as provisions to the effect that: (a) Lessee accepts the leased premises in its present condition and without any warranty by LSU except a warranty against eviction; (b) Lessee assumes responsibility for the condition of the leased premises and releases and agrees to defend and indemnify LSU for any damages to any person or property of anyone, unless caused by the sole fault of LSU; (c) the lease shall not be assigned or subleased without the written consent of LSU; (d) Lessee shall carry specified amounts of liability and other insurance; (e) the lease will be for a term of five (5) years; and (f) the rental shall be fixed and paid in advance on an annual basis.

A pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at 11:00 A.M. CST on Monday, March 23, 2020 at the Iberia Research Center, 603 LSU Bridge Road, Jeanerette, LA 70544 (Approximately two miles west of Jeanerette on LA 87). All interested bidders are invited to attend; however attendance at this conference is not required. If unable to attend, Bidders may schedule an appointment to visit the site on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays only by contacting **Kurt Guidry**, office **(337) 788-7547** or **KMGuidry@agcenter.lsu.edu.**

Sealed envelopes containing bids should be clearly marked as follows:
Solicitation Number: **RFQ-0000001154**
Proposal for Lease of Public Land - Iberia Research Station - Agricultural Production
Due Time and Date: **11:00AM on April 2, 2020**

Each bid shall be accompanied by Bid Security equal to ten percent (10%) of a fixed annual Base Rent or $2,750.00 and must be in a form of a Certified Check or Money Order. The check shall be issued in favor of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. No bid or deposit may thereafter be withdrawn or cancelled.? Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned within twenty-one (21) days after bid opening.? LSU reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

TO APPEAR ON: March 11, 18 & 25, 2020

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