

**DARLINGTON COUNTY PROCUREMENT
FARM LEASE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
IFB# 03-10-12-2017**

GENERAL LEASE CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

1. **BACKGROUND:** Darlington County, SC (“The County”) owns approximately 103.7 acres of land adjacent to the Darlington County Landfill.
2. **SCOPE:** The County wishes to enter into a Lease with a farmer or grower. The Tenant may raise crops such as vegetables, grain, corn, soybeans, wheat, barley, rye or oats, or hay to list a few items. The tenant may either single crop or double crop the premise. **All crops must be planted and harvest within the Lease Term.** The Lessee agrees to use the land for the production of crops and to maintain said land in good condition. **In the event that crops are not planted during any given growing season, the lessee will keep vegetation cut below an eighteen inch (18”) level.**
3. **PRICES:** The price quoted per acre of this premise shall remain firm for the period covered by the Lease. The price quoted is the amount of money per acre that the successful bidder shall pay the County for the term of the Lease.
4. **TERM OF LEASE:** The initial terms of the lease is for (5) years beginning January 6, 2018 and ending October 31, 2023.
5. **METHOD OF AWARD:** Award of this Lease will be made on the entire parcel. Award will be made to the highest responsive and responsible bidder. The reputation of the Bidder regarding adequacy of their past skillful performance of work of this type of magnitude required herein, shall be considered with making award.
6. **RENT PAYMENTS:** Rent payments shall be payable annually on or before the first day of each covered year, January 06. The County may terminate the Lease if rent payment is not received by October 31st of each Lease year.
7. **All sealed bids are due on October 12, 2017 by 3:00 pm to the following address:**

**Darlington County
Procurement Analyst
BID 03-10-12-2017
1 Public Square
Darlington, SC 29532**

“SAMPLE” FORM CONTRACT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

**FARM LEASE AGREEMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Witness this Agreement entered into on _____, 2017 between Darlington County, South Carolina, Lessor, and _____, Lessee:

1. The Lessor hereby lease to the Lessee one hundred and three and seven tenths (103.7) acres of crop land, owned by Darlington County, for a period of approximately five (5) years beginning January 08, 2018 and ending October 31, 2023.
2. The area covered by this lease consists of one parcel exterior to the Darlington County Landfill. The parcel number is 122-00-01-044 see attached map.
3. The Lessee agrees to pay an annual rent of (_____) dollars per acre payable as follows: (_____) dollars on or before the first day of each year covered by this lease.
4. The Lessee agrees to use the land for the production of crops, to maintain said land in good condition. **In the event that crops are not planted during any given growing season, the lessee will keep vegetation cut below an eighteen inch (18”) level.**
5. In the event the Lessor terminates this Agreement before the expiration date prior to the crops growing thereon being harvested, the Lessor agrees to compensate the Lessee for actual expenses incurred by the Lessee in planting and maintaining the applicable portion of the crop through the date of termination. This does not apply if the final crop has not been harvested by October 31st of the year of termination. Darlington County will not be responsible for any losses of the Lessee incurred after October 31st of the year of termination.
6. The Lessee agrees to pay rent annually **in advance**. Failure to pay by October 31st shall cancel agreement.

7. IN WITNESS HEREOF:

LESSEE:

WITNESS

BY: _____
LESSOR:

JANET BISHOP, WITNESS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

BY: _____
BOBBY HUDSON, CHAIRMAN
COUNTY COUNCIL

MARION CHARLES STEWART, III
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR