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## Union County Gateway Sign Proposal

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### Questions received, and their answers:

1. What is the nearest cross street for the sign located on Highway 176, Whitmire Highway, near the Newberry County Line? **Near Hodges Circle.**
2. Are all (4) existing signs to be demolished and replaced? **YES**
3. If so, will the entire existing concrete footing need to be excavated and removed? **NO**
4. Will all (4) new signs need masonry columns? **YES**
5. Is the “rider sign” under the large sign to be combined with the main cabinet like the UCDB sign? Or is the “rider sign” a separate sign cabinet with a gap between the “rider sign” and the large cabinet? **Separate as shown on the documentation**
6. Can the amount of tree or shrub removal be quantified so that we may provide a more accurate proposal? This would be helpful to ensure all proposals submitted can be equally evaluated. **It has been determined that Union County will remove the existing signage, and prepare for site for sign installation**
7. Are any SCDOT permits required? **No, these signs are all on private property, and Union County has established legal easements for the sign placement on the property.**  
If SCDOT permits required, will the County be responsible for obtaining any/all encroachment agreements/permits? **Yes**
8. Is sales tax to be included or is the County tax exempt? **The County is not tax exempt, but labor costs are not subject to sales tax**

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9 - Do you know why you are requesting lexan faces for the sign cabinet? Lexan is a pvc substrate that is susceptible to breaking. Typically, a gateway sign is fabricated out of aluminum, unless it is internally lighted.

The specifications call for solar lighting within the signs for night visibility.

10 – Can you provide photos or actual addresses of the existing signs? I need this information to accurately quote the removals.

Bid change: Union County will remove all existing signage, and prepare the 4 site locations for sign installation.

11 – You are asking for a timeline. However, it is tough for me to accurately provide one due to the multitude of variables. You must pull building permits, SCDOT encroachments, stone selections, mortar color selection, precast color selection, footer inspections, paint swatches, shop drawings, and engineering drawings. Do you have a deadline? All 4 properties are NOT on State Right of way. The locations are all on private property, and Union County has or will have easements signed prior to installation occurring.

12 – Do you know why the sign face is 43” x 64” ? Typically, if you have a gateway sign on a highway the minimum letter sizing is 24” to 30”.

All contractors shall bid on the specifications provided. If there are any modifications made, based on visibility, land location, etc... these will be negotiated with the awarded vendor.

Pictures of existing signs:

Furman Fendley Highway – Union County / Spartanburg County Line





SC Highway 49 (Cross Keys) at Spartanburg County Line:



Whitmire Highway – Near Highway 176/ 72 merge – Newberry County Line



SC Hwy 49/ Hwy 9 – Lockhart at Chester County Line

Picture pending.

Sign is similar to the Cross Keys and Whitmire signage