

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Department of National Crime Victim Centers (DNCVC) in accordance with §11-35-1560 (A) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, intends to award without competition, a sole source contract to Abt Associates, Inc.

**The National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center is requesting a professional services agreement with Abt Associates, Inc. to conduct crime victim surveys. Abt Associates Inc. will administer incentives for an estimated 8,850 completed community surveys at six different mass violence incident locations. They will also be administering incentives for an estimated 2,600 completed interviews from among victims of mass violence across the United States and administering incentives for an estimated 250 completed key informant interviews. The victim interviews will be facilitated by the FBI.**

The survey methodology was approved by the MUSC's Institutional Review Board (IRB), as well as a Privacy Certificate obtained from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Both of these approvals grant Abt Associates Inc., the only sole keeper of participant information (including names, locations, and addresses). In addition, Abt Associates, Inc. will hold of all participant information and cannot share that information with the DNCVC, or any other organization. The NIJ Privacy Certificate dictates where that information is held, and it has been approved for Abt Associates Inc. only.

This notice of intent is not a request for competitive proposals. Any responsible sources who wish to identify their interest and capability to provide these services must notify the Procurement Officer via email at [deveauan@musc.edu](mailto:deveauan@musc.edu) no later than April 10, 2020, (12:00 a.m. EST). Telephone responses will not be accepted. Upon receipt of the interested parties' notification, the Procurement Officer will determine whether to conduct a competitive procurement or proceed with sole source negotiations.

#### **PROTESTS (MAY 2019)**

If you are aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-4210. To protest a solicitation, you must submit a protest within fifteen days of the date the applicable solicitation document is issued. To protest an award, you must (i) submit notice of your intent to protest within five business days of the date the award notice is posted, and (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date the award notice is posted. Days are calculated as provided in Section 11-35-310(13). Both protests and notices of intent to protest must be in writing and must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided. See clause entitled "Protest-CPO". The grounds of the protest and the relief requested must be set forth with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided. [02-2A085-2]

Protests: Bidder's right to protest as listed in Section 11-35-4210 in the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code applies to this announcement. Any protest or notice of intent to protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing (a) by email to: [protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us](mailto:protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us) or (b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201