Emergency Procurement

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Department of Engineering & Facilities (E&F), and the College of Dental Medicine (CDM) in accordance with §11-35-1570 (B) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, and in accordance with Regulation 19-445.2110 is announcing the award of an emergency procurement to Thermal Resource Sales, Inc. the amount of \$52,000.00.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided specific guidance for dental settings in response to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis. MUSC's emergency procurement is to make sure the CDM is in compliance with this latest guidance.

As part of the guidance, the CDC instructs to optimize the use of engineering controls, specifically in relation to air quality and flow management. These, in turn, have direct impact on CDM's capability to improve clinical service efficiency. In response to these guidelines the CDM has requested an evaluation of the MUSC Dental Clinics Building.

After an external consultant assessed the current conditions with MUSC E&F engineers, CDM received recommendations to install UVGI lights for Airstream Disinfection and an enhanced filtration central device to provide the highest level of mitigation without significant changes to existing fan systems or filter racks.

The recommendations are needed to be installed as soon as possible, so that the dental clinics can continue to serve the community by providing needed and vital dental care.

The Procurement Officer has deemed this to be an emergency in accordance with Section 11-35-1570 of the South Carolina Procurement Code as not being able to provide chilled water to cool these buildings would endanger our research projects as well as create an unsafe environment for our patients, visitors, faculty, staff and students.

This notice is not a request for competitive proposals. Telephone responses will not be accepted.

Bidder's right to protest as listed in Section 11-35-4210 in the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code applies to this announcement of an emergency procurement.

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]

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 <u>protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov</u> or (b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201