

## INTENT TO SOLE SOURCE

In accordance with §11-35-1560 (A) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, it is the intent of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) to award without competition, a sole source contract in accordance with Regulation 19-445.2105 (B) (5) to Leica Microsystems Inc., to acquire a Thunder Imager 3D Tissue Microscope System.

Purpose and Objectives: The purpose of this purchase is to acquire a specific epifluorescent microscope for imaging and analysis of neuroscience samples for the Department of Neuroscience. The specifications of the Thunder Imager 3D Tissue Microscope to meet the needs of the MUSC researchers and will be procured under this sole source procurement are:

- Leica THUNDER Imager 3D Tissue
  - 4 position slide holder
  - 8 position objective turret
  - 8 position fluorescent cube turret
  - Computer controlled stage, turrets, objectives
  - 2 light sources and 2 cameras (fluorescent, colorimetric)
- LAS X Imaging Software
  - Colocalization, 3D Analysis, and 3D Visualization
- Service installation (9I\_CM\_CLASS\_F)

Basis of Sole Source: In order to maintain the integrity of ongoing research the same brand of microscope must be procured. Leica Microsystem INC is the only manufacturer and authorized distributor of the Leica Thunder Imager 3D Microscope System as well as the sole contact for service and support.

As there are no other vendors authorized to sell this system this has been deemed by the Procurement Officer to be the only contractor that can fulfill the listed requirements which meets MUSC's specific needs.

QUESTIONS: Shall be addressed to the email address of the Procurement Officer indicated below.

PROTESTS (MAY 2019): If you are aggrieved in connection with the intended award of this contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in §11-35-4210. To protest an intended award of a contract pursuant to §11-35-1560, you shall (i) notify the chief procurement officer in writing of your intent to protest within five (5) business days of the date this intent to award is posted, and (ii) if the appropriate chief procurement officer has been timely notified of your intent to protest, you may submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date this notice of intent to award is posted. Days are calculated as provided in §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. 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.

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.sc.gov or (b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201

**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 this Procurement Officer via email at kellysy@musc.edu prior to the contact deadline of July 28, 2020 12:00 AM 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.**