

Intent to Sole Source

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

The Department of Medicine is requesting the purchase of the Optos UWF Primary System for imagining the retina and detecting retinopathy in diabetes pregnancy. Below are the items included with the system:

- Ultra-widefield Scanhead
- Touch Screen Tablet & Stand
- Tele-retinal EL-20 Image Server
- DICOM Expoty
- Electric Lift Table
- Three (3) Year Warranty and Full Support Service

Optos is the manufacturer and they have the scanning laser virtual point technology protected under patent and the associated and accorded monopoly patent rights. No other vendor can sell, maintain, train or install Optos equipment.

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 seabrokv@musc.edu no later than February 01, 2021, (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]

Any protest or notice of intent to protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Material Management Office, and submitted in writing (a) by email to: protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us or (b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201