

## 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 Bruker Scientific, LLC for the purchase of a timsTOF fleX mass spectrometry system, which includes a software-switchable MALDI source adapted to the ESI timsTOF Pro™ platform.

The timsTOF fleX mass spectrometer will be used to support ongoing as well as new research projects; therefore, it must have capabilities compatible with the SolariX FT-ICR/MALDI mass spectrometer that is currently being used by MUSC Researchers. Other key requirements of the system are a MALDI imaging capability combined with the Trapped Ion Mobility Separation (tims) and a high resolution QTOF that operates on a single integrated platform. Further, a key requirement is software compatibility with existing data acquisition, analysis and storage capabilities used with the SolariX instrument.

The SolariX instrument currently being used by researchers is nearing its limit of functionality, due to its age and high volume use in the last 8 years. Thus, the purchase of the timsTOF fleX instrument is critical in order to maintain the continuity of the research now being conducted with the SolariX instrument.

MUSC has found no other company that offers an instrument commercially that is comprised of the state-of-the-art technology features, acquisition software, data analysis and data storage components integrated in a single platform. Accordingly, unless otherwise suspended or canceled, MUSC will enter into a contract for this product on August 27, 2019. Contractor should not perform any work on or incur any costs associated with this notice prior to the receipt of a purchase order. MUSC assumes no liability for any expenses incurred prior to issuance of a purchase order.

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

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

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