

Emergency Procurement Trane, US

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Department of Engineering & Facilities (E&F) 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 Trane, US.

Facilities Operations requested authorization to issue an emergency purchase order to Trane Building Service, in the amount \$565,977.00 to purchase and replace existing Trane 1300 Ton Chiller, to support cooling system that feeds prime research facilities Basic Science, Colcock Hall, Children Research, Bio-Engineering, Drug Discovery and College of Health Professions Research (C). The existing Chiller # 3 has failed on the central energy plant.

The remaining Chillers will not be able to support the needed chilled water capacity during the upcoming summer with the loss of cooling capacity it will endanger MUSC research funding. The anticipated delivery if order is placed this week is ten weeks delivery, which will be the beginning of high peak cooling needs for our system. Facilities have explored the possibility of renting a Chiller to allow competition of this procurement, but the rental of chiller and installation would be cost prohibited to rent at a \$50,000.00 per month plus installation of temporary connections. Due to the time limitation it will take to complete the design, bidding and construction process, the rental would cost MUSC \$240,000.00, for the period needed to support the facility, with no return on investment. That cost does not include cost of a new chiller and installation. And also delay delivery of the replacement chiller.

Trane, is the only vendor that has a duplicate unit to fit in the space and the controls to match the remaining other Trane units, If we change vendors MUSC will incur additional expense to modify the piping to allow a different vendor. Also the controls are all Trane and MUSC would need to change the controls to match any other vendors control package. Trane Building Service Charleston is the only local distributor for this type of equipment.

This procurement would allow MUSC Enterprise to have the ability to provide cooling to six buildings.

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