

Notice of Intent to Sole Source

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), University Transportation Services in accordance with §11-35-1560 (A) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, intends to award without competition, a sole source contract to Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA).

MUSC University Transportation Services require public transportation services to transport employees and students to and from MUSC's downtown campus. These services are essential to maintain the consistency with the MUSC Transportation Demand Management Plan (TDM) which was developed to address traffic congestion and parking shortages on and near its downtown campus. MUSC University Transportation requires two elements of the public access services that are provided by CARTA: Fixed Route Public Access and Express System (Park & Ride). CARTA, to our knowledge, is the designated mass transit authority for the City of Charleston and as such holds the sole franchise for public access. MUSC and CARTA currently have in place the fixed and express routes that meet MUSC TDM requirements. CARTA is the sole recipient of Federal and State funds for mass transportation in the City of Charleston and is also a sub division of the State of South Carolina created by the State Transportation Authority Law.

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 by email at seabrokv@musc.edu no later than September 27, 2019, (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, 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