

## INTENT TO SOLE SOURCE

The Medical University Of South Carolina (MUSC) Department of Transportation Services in accordance with §11-35-1560 (A) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, is announcing the intent to award to CARTA (Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority) as a sole source, without competition, for a period of one year a contract for public transportation services. The awarded amount is \$863,869.00.

MUSC's Department of Transportation Services is requesting services from CARTA to the public. Consistent with MUSC Transportation Demand Management Plan(TDM) it is the intent of the University to provide all employees and students access to the Public Transportation system. The purpose of the TDM is to mitigate traffic congestion and parking shortages on and near its downtown campus.

MUSC will utilize two elements of the public access service provided by CARTA: Fixed Route Public Access and 2) Express System (Park Ride). CARTA as the designated mass transit authority for the City of Charleston and as such holds the sole franchise for public access, published fixed and express route service. MUSC is bound by that franchise.

### 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. 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: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 items must notify the Procurement Officer, Gerald McKee, via email at [mckeeg@musc.edu](mailto:mckeeg@musc.edu), no later than September 5, 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.