

INTENT TO SOLE SOURCE

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) intends to award a single source purchase order to Bio-Rad Laboratories Inc., for the acquisition of a CFX Connect Real-Time PCR System with Starter Package and CFX Maestro Software. The requested CFX system is a quantitative PCR platform that will be an addition to MUSC's Proteogenomics Core, a shared technology resource available to all MUSC research investigators.

The core currently has one CFX system that is in use an average of seven hours per day, making usage and scheduling difficult and sometimes obstructive. A second system is therefore needed to meet user demand and alleviate scheduling burden. There are 60 trained users of the system. There has therefore been a significant investment in training users how to work with the CFX system. Additionally, users have developed optimized protocols for using the instrument, which covers reagents as well as experimental protocols. A different type of quantitative PCR systems would require new training of users as well as alterations in experimental protocols or reagents. While there are competing quantitative PCR systems that fulfill a similar function to the CFX system, the competing systems would require re-training of all existing users and would not allow for the continuity of the developed experimental protocols potentially resulting in loss research data. Accordingly, it is imperative that the new system for the core is the same as the CFX system currently in use.

We are requesting the purchase of the following items from Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.:

- CFX Connect™ Real-Time PCR Detection System
- CFX Maestro Software

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 at kellysy@musc.edu, no later than September 20, 2019 12:00 a.m. 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.