

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 Biospin Corp. for repair services and parts for a Bruker Biospec 70/30 7 Telsa MRI system. (Serial number 33)

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this purchase is to obtain services and parts to maintain and repair the Bruker Biospec 70/30 7 Telsa MRI system, an existing State-owned research laboratory equipment manufactured by Bruker BioSpin, Corp. To maintain the warranty, services are required to be performed by original equipment manufacturer (OEM) certified factory-trained technicians using genuine OEM parts.

The cooling system for our Bruker MRI system is in need of routine maintenance so that it stays operational. In addition, the cold head of this instrument must be replaced as it is past end of life.

Besides the services we are purchasing the following items under this sole source procurement:

- ✓ MRI Charge kit
- ✓ Adsorber CP2800 series
- ✓ PT 407 ST remote motor cold head
- ✓ 500 liters liquid helium

Sole Source Justification:

The required services, parts and supplies for the Bruker Biospec 70/30 7 Telsa MRI system must be purchased from Bruker Biospin. Replacement parts or accessories must be compatible with the existing system and all manufacturer training is provided from Bruker Biospin engineers.

Bruker BioSpin, Corp. is the only contractor who:

- ✓ has manufacturer-trained and certified technicians to maintain and upgrade their patented and proprietary software and hardware.
- ✓ can provide updates to their scientific equipment and software.
- ✓ manufactures and certifies replacement parts for this equipment.

For these reasons Bruker BioSpin, Corp. has been deemed by the Procurement Officer to be the only contractor that can fulfill the requirements listed which meets MUSC's specific needs.

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

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 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 services must notify this Contracting Specialist at kellysy@musc.edu prior to the contact deadline: March 5, 2020 12:00 AM EST. Telephone responses will not be accepted. Upon receipt of the interested parties' notification, the Contracting Officer will determine whether to conduct a competitive procurement or proceed with sole source negotiations.