

Intent to Sole Source

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Department of Engineering & Facilities (E&F) in accordance with §11-35-1560 (A) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, intends to award without competition, a sole source contract to Trane US for the purchase of three (3) Trane Chillers, for a total of \$484,248.00.

MUSC have chillers in critical areas of the university that have failed due to salt air accelerate corrosion to the cooling coils, and consequently are no longer covered under our maintenance agreement; therefore, these units must be replaced immediately. MUSC is seeking to purchase two (2) – 200 Ton chillers to replace the units housed at the College of Health Professions Buildings A & B and one (1) – 60 Ton chiller housed at the Wellness Center. The chillers must be new and must be Trane brand for compatibility with existing controls and piping.

The delivery of the order is also critical as these units have already failed and are being supported temporarily by other Trane units on campus; therefore we require a delivery within a period not to exceed ten weeks. Trane US can meet a ten weeks delivery, which will be the beginning of high peak cooling needs for our system. The procuring of these replacement units will continue the standardized interchange of accessories between the existing unit and the requested new purchase for maximum efficiency of resources. This procurement would allow MUSC Enterprise to have the ability to provide cooling for these buildings.

Trane US is the local authorized vendor for Charleston. Trane US is the only known vendor that has a duplicate unit to fit in the configured available spaces, designated for the chillers. As well as the compatibility to support the connections and controls that matches the existing remaining units.

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 at deveauan@musc.edu no later than June 30, 2020 (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](mailto:protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov) or (b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201