

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 Leica Microsystems INC, to acquire a TCS SP8 LIAchroic Confocal Microscope System.

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this purchase is to acquire a Leica TCS SP8 LIAchroic Confocal Microscope System to replace an obsolete Leica SP2 Confocal Microscope used in the conduct of sponsored research in the Department of Regenerative Medicine & Cell Biology.

As part of the NIGMS and NIDDK grants, we support an advance imaging core that provides state-of-the-art microscopic services to members of the digestive disease center (CDLD and DDRCC). This microscope will allow users to image proteins within cells at extremely high resolution, which is not readily available on campus. This equipment will be accessed by multiple investigators across several departments and colleges within MUSC and so will have a substantial impact on research in many disciplines. We expect that data generated using this microscope will contribute to new grant applications and success in attracting new NIH funding to MUSC.

Basis of Sole Source:

In order to maintain the integrity of ongoing research the same brand of microscope must be procured. Leica Microsystem INC is the only manufacturer and authorized distributor of the Leica TCS SP8 Confocal Microscope System as well as the sole contact for service and support.

As there are no other vendors authorized to sell this system this has been deemed by the Procurement Officer to be the only contractor that can fulfill the listed requirements 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 Procurement Officer at kellysy@musc.edu prior to the contact deadline of August 26, 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.