

Intent to Sole Source

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), College of Health Professions & Institute of Psychiatry with §11-35-1560 (A) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, intends to award without competition, a sole source contract to Soterix Medical, Inc.

College of Health Professions & Institute of Psychiatry is requesting to purchase three (3) Soterix Medical taVNS Stimulator Systems from Soterix Medical Inc., in the amount of \$50,050.00. This Stimulator and supplies are manufactured and distributed exclusively by Soterix Medical and will be linked to a custom version of ElectraRx portal to implement integration of physiological data and stimulation management. taVNS has helped with the acute illness, and more importantly for the proposed work, with the long-term recovery from NeuroCovid. taVNS is a new, non-invasive neuromodulation approach combining: 1) convenience (e.g. ear clip) and potential for at home delivery; 2) tolerability, even extending to testing in neonates; and 3) direct mono-synaptic modulation of deep brain nuclei that regulate parasympathetic function. taVNS offers the ability to directly treat the brain, reducing neuroinflammation and potentially improving and facilitating recovery from a variety of COVID disorders. With the rapid clinical testing supported through this proposal, taVNS may help with the long-term recovery from COVID or NeuroCovid.

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 seabrokv@musc.edu no later than August 17, 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.state.sc.us or (b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201