



Notice of Intent to Award

Date: April 11, 2025

SCBO Ad #: 56629

In accordance with §11-35-1560 (A) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, it is the intent of Winthrop University (Winthrop) to award, without competition, a sole source contract in accordance with Regulation 19-445.2105 (B) (5) where the item is one of a kind to:

For providing a modern, automated financial aid management solution to enhance efficiency, ensure regulatory compliance, support diverse enrollment models, including competency-based education (CBE).

From Regent Education on the basis of:

Regent Education is the only vendor capable of fully meeting Winthrop University's financial aid management needs due to its unparalleled automation, flexibility, and support for multiple enrollment models, including competency-based education (CBE). Unlike other solutions, Regent Education uniquely automates financial aid packaging across standard, non-standard, and non-term enrollment models, streamlining processes that would otherwise require extensive manual effort. It is also the only financial aid management system endorsed by the Competency-Based Education Network (C-BEN), demonstrating its leadership in CBE financial aid automation. Its seamless integration with any student information system (SIS) future-proofs the university's investment, while its proven track record with institutions like UMass Global highlights its ability to scale efficiently. No other vendor provides this level of automation, compliance, and adaptability, for CBE financial aid processing making Regent Education the only viable solution for Winthrop University's financial aid modernization.

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$146,500

QUESTIONS/RESPONSES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Shall be addressed to:

Procurement Officer: Krista Scherpf

(803) 323-2143

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PROTESTS: If you are aggrieved in connection with the award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-4210. To protest an award, you must (i) submit notice of your intent to protest within five (5) 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. 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.

Unless otherwise suspended or canceled, Winthrop will enter into a contract for these services. Contractor should not perform work on or incur any costs associated with this notice prior to the receipt of a purchase order. Winthrop assumes no liability for any expenses incurred prior to issuance of a purchase order.