



Procurement Services

210 Tillman Hall
Rock Hill, SC 29733

Notice of Intent to Award

Date: February 13, 2025

SCBO Ad #: 54835

Req #: R2501292

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 performing annual maintenance and/or performing repairs including ion detector replacement, mass spectrometer and acquisition computer repair, calibration and re-certification of instrument specifications.

From Shimadzu Scientific Instruments on the basis of:

Shimadzu is the exclusive manufacturer of the MaldiTof mass spectrometers currently used in the Department of Chemistry. Shimadzu does not certify or support other vendors to perform maintenance or repairs on equipment they design and manufacture. Shimadzu is the designer and sole manufacturer of the MaldiTOF considered for service. Shimadzu service engineers are fully trained, equipped, and supported to perform the annual preventative maintenance and/or any necessary repairs to maintain required performance. This will be a multi-year agreement.

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$200,000 through 2/1/2035

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

Procurement Officer: Krista Scherpf

(803) 323-2143

scherpfk@winthrop.edu

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.