

INTENT TO SOLE SOURCE

The South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC), in accordance with South Carolina Procurement Code, Section 11-35-1560 and regulation 19-445.2105, is providing public notice of an intent to award a sole source contract to AB SCIEX, LLC to provide one-year service plan coverage for an AB SCIEX X500R QTOF mass spectrometer system, with associated instrument software support and hardware telephone technical support, that is currently in use at the DHEC Public Health Laboratory. Service plan coverage is to include performance maintenance visits by a factory-trained service representative, manufacturer OEM parts replacement as needed for corrective maintenance and repair, while maintaining the standard level of performance as stated in the operational manual provided with the original equipment.

The estimated total dollar amount of the purchase is \$70,178.33.

Qualified vendors should contact Anita Blount blountam@dhec.sc.gov by Midnight ET, February 5, 2024

PROTESTS:

If you are aggrieved in connection with the intended award or 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 this notice is posted, and (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date this 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, Information Technology Management Office, and submitted in writing:

- (a) by email to protest-itmo@itmo.sc.gov or
- (b) by post or delivery to 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.