

Francis Marion University

Sole Source Statement of Award

Posting Date: **3/24/2021**

This is a statement of award of a contract effective **March 24, 2021** unless otherwise suspended or cancelled.

Contractor should not perform work or incur any costs associated with the contract prior to the effective date of the contract. Contractor should not perform work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from Francis Marion University. The University assumes no liability for any expenses incurred prior to the effective date of the contract and issuance of a purchase order.

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The current telephone switch software (SV8500) on our NEC telephone switch is end-of-life and end-of-support, and it has become necessary to upgrade it to the latest software (SV9500). The current state leaves us vulnerable in that the main chassis board, Central Processing Units (CPUs), flash memory, and digital line cards are no longer available in the event of a failure. Upgrading to the SV9500 provides us with supported hardware including 160 new digital telephone handsets in addition to the latest software and the full support from the manufacturer .

BCM-Set (SetelUC) installed the original switch, and has been performing all upgrades, maintenance, and service since the installation and is up to speed with the programming of this particular switch and voicemail system. A move to a different vendor for this upgrade is not an option as an error in the install due to a lack of familiarity with our system and with the product in general would set back the University in its communications capabilities. The cost for the proposed upgrade including the materials described and installation is approximately \$163,000.00.

Sole Source Advertisement Date in South Carolina Business Opportunities: March 15, 2021

Award Date: March 24, 2021

**Awarded To: BCM-Set
720 Cool Springs Blvd, Suite 520
Franklin, TN 37067**

Estimated Value: \$163,000

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 seven 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.

PROTEST – CPO ADDRESS – MMO: Any 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,

(b) by facsimile at 803-737-0639, or

(c) by post or delivery to:

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OFFICE
1201 MAIN STREET, SUITE 600
COLUMBIA, S.C. 29201

Director of Purchasing
Paul J. MacDonald