

# Notice of Emergency Procurement

**Posting Date: June 30, 2022**

Francis Marion University procured dining services for ongoing operations for the period 7/1/2022 to 7/31/2022.

## **Emergency:**

The University's current Dining Services contract is set to expire on June 30, 2022. The University made great efforts to contract with a vendor beyond June 30 and had anticipated having a contractor in place. However, the solicitation for a contract of this magnitude is extensive, and also requires solicitation by the State of South Carolina. The University is in the process of finalizing an agreement with a Dining Services vendor for the long term, though a final contract will not be in place until sometime in July.

The University has several dining obligations following the expiration of the existing contract on June 30 to include: catering, camps, provision of food for the University's child care center, and operation of the University's campus restaurant.

## **Vendor Selection:**

There is no other means for providing dining options for these various entities without a 'one stop' outsourced option. Aramark has provided exceptional service as the University's Dining Services for the past seven years. Attempting to source this service from a new vendor would require the University to train the new vendor regarding the ongoing service to the University. A change to another vendor would result in interrupted service to the University's dining community.

Aramark has extensive experience providing dining services to FMU having provided them for the past seven years; Aramark can step in and provide continued services without interruption to the University dining community. The University identifies that for the period of this emergency contract, the estimated revenue is \$24,500, and the estimated expense is \$77,000. The estimated expense of the dining services is fair and reasonable.

## **Company Specifics:**

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## **Contact Person for this Emergency Procurement:**

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(a) by email to [protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov](mailto:protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov),

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

(c) by post or delivery to:

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MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OFFICE  
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