

Notice of Intent to Sole Source

Posting Date: September 2, 2022

Francis Marion University seeks to sole source the procurement of additional and proprietary fire alarm equipment, including applicable labor and installation.

Current situation:

Francis Marion University purchased proprietary fire alarm equipment needed to maintain and update the University's fire alarm panels in Rogers Library and the University Center in October 2021. Since issuance of that purchase order, the University has worked with vendor, Johnson Controls (DBA Tyco Fire & Security (US) Mgt.), to maintain and upgrade the University's Simplex Grinnell 4100 network system, which is a proprietary network.

Intent to Sole Source:

With the University's entire fire alarm system comprised of the aforementioned proprietary network and equipment, a move to a different vendor and an overhaul of the University's entire fire alarm system would require a major investment in new infrastructure, extensive time and training requirements, and potential liabilities when considering the life-safety issues involved. At this time, the University is in the process of maintaining and upgrading the Rogers Library and University Center fire alarm panels and network. Roughly 75% of the original project has been completed and payment remitted. Thus, this notice of intent to sole source is for the additional parts/equipment, labor, and installation needed to complete the maintenance and upgrades. The cost for the proposed additional goods and services required is: \$14,591.00

Company Specifics:

Johnson Controls, Inc. (DBA Tyco Fire & Security (US) Mgt.)
4700 Exchange Ct., Suite 300
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Contact Person for this Intent to Sole Source:

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<http://www.fmarion.edu/about/solicitationsawards/>

Contact deadline: September 12, 2022 11:59 pm EST

Unless additional pertinent information is forthcoming, Award will be posted at the following physical address and website address on September 13, 2022:

Francis Marion University
Purchasing Office
Stokes Administration Building, Room 102
4822 East Palmetto Street
Florence, SC 29506
www.fmarion.edu/about/solicitationsawards

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