

# Francis Marion University

## Notice of Cancellation of Statement of Award

Posting Date: **01/26/2023**

**Pursuant to Section 11-35-1550 of the South Carolina Procurement Code, Francis Marion University has cancelled the following Statement of Award for solicitation:**

**Solicitation:** **RFQ-2405**  
**Description:** **Provide and Deliver Spring Bedding 2023 to FMU**  
**Issue Date:** **01/12/23**  
**Awarded Date:** **01/23/2023**

This solicitation's Statement of Award to Forest Lake Greenhouses has been cancelled.

Per section (b) in 11-35-1550 of the South Carolina Procurement Code [italics added for emphasis]:  
Written request for written quotes from a minimum of three qualified sources of supply may be made and, unless adequate public notice is provided in the South Carolina Business Opportunities, documentation of at least three bona fide, responsive, and responsible quotes must be attached to the purchase requisition for a small purchase not in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars, or for a small purchase of commercially available off-the-shelf products not in excess of one hundred thousand dollars, or for a small purchase of construction not in excess of one hundred thousand dollars. *The award must be made to the lowest responsive and responsible sources.* The request for quotes must include a purchase description. Requests must be distributed equitably among qualified supplies unless advertised as provided above.

The University advertised RFQ-2405- Provide and Deliver Spring Bedding 2023 to FMU, as a 3-quotation solicitation, on SCBO and adhered to the required 7 days to elapse between an ad's publication in SCBO and a mandatory event, such as a mandatory pre-bid conference, or the bid opening date. On the opening date, bids were opened, and the Statement of Award was posted reflecting one responsive and responsible bid. The University overlooked an additional email bid that was sent before the mandated Opening Bid Day cut off time requirement. This bid qualified as the lowest responsive and responsible source.

The University appreciates and understands the work responding firms have completed in preparing a response for the above-mentioned RFQ.

A new Statement of Award for RFQ-2405- Provide and Deliver Spring Bedding 2023 to FMU will be issued and awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible vendor.

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