

Notice of Intent to Sole Source

Posting Date: August 22, 2023

Francis Marion University seeks to sole source the procurement of an artificial (synthetic) cadaver, SynDaver Anatomy Model, for anatomy learning modalities.

Current situation:

FMU students currently are using hard plastic #B and Somso models for anatomy identification; these models are unmalleable and the different muscles that are demonstrated cannot be dissected or separated.

Intent to Sole Source:

Francis Marion University's Biology Departments needs to purchase an artificial (synthetic) cadaver that will closely replicate a real human body in both structure and touch for both Biology and Pre-Nursing students. For students to be successful in the classroom and be competitive in their chosen career path, students must be able to take part in dissection to study anatomical structures. Dissection allows students to learn how the tissues and organs are interrelated, it gives students an appreciation of the complexity of organisms in a hands-on learning environment, and it also helps to provide a memorable and instructional unit in a biology course.

FMU has completed market research on an artificial cadaver to allow students to dissect an artificial human body. This silicone model provides a realistic synthetic representation of the human body and is useful for observing and studying of all the major organ systems. The University identified that only the SynDaver cadaver has a complete and functional muscular, skeletal, circulatory, respiratory, gastrointestinal, and endocrine system made from materials that look, feel, and respond like live tissue. Experiences can include not only dissections but other experiments that highlight particular systems of the body for further study. The SynDaver Anatomy Model can last for years if properly maintained; this model also offsets the emotional experience students have when they are using a real human cadaver.

The cost for the SynDaver Anatomy Model cadaver is \$63,598.00.

Company Specifics:

SynDaver EDU, Inc.
8506 Benjamin Rd, Suite C
Tampa FL 33634

Contact Person for this Intent to Sole Source:

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

Contact deadline: August 29, 2023 11:59 pm EST

Unless additional pertinent information is forthcoming, Award will be posted at the following physical address and website address on June 8, 2023:

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