

# Francis Marion University

## Sole Source Statement of Award

Posting Date: **August 30, 2023**

This is a statement of award of a contract effective **AUGUST 30, 2023** 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.

### 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.

**Sole Source Advertisement Date in South Carolina Business Opportunities:** **August 22, 2023**

**Award Date:** **August 30, 2023**

**Awarded To:** **SynDaver EDU, Inc.**  
**8506 Benjamin Rd, Suite C**  
**Tampa FL 33634**

**Estimated Value:** **\$63,598.00**

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](mailto: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

**Jennifer D Hester**  
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