

Francis Marion University

Emergency Procurement Statement of Award

Posting Date: **August 20, 2024**

This is a statement of award of a contract effective **August 20, 2024** 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.

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Originally, Francis Marion University issued an emergency procurement with PO#3964 for \$10,000 on 7/25/24 for a qualified firm to provide all necessary materials/supplies and labor necessary to repair FMU Fire Alarm Panels across campus. The emergency details are as follows:

Around 6pm on Thursday, 07/18/24), Florence County experienced a sudden and severe thunderstorm that included flash flooding, severe lightning, and power outages. During this storm there were at least two lightning strikes on the FMU campus as well as several in the surrounding area. This storm and the associated lightning strikes resulted in severe damage to the main campus Fire Alarm Panel, the video camera matrix box, as well as several security cameras.

Around 5pm on Monday, 07/22/24), Florence County experienced a second severe thunderstorm that also included flash flooding, severe lightning, and power outages. During this storm there were at least three lightning strikes on the FMU campus as well as several in the surrounding area. This storm and the associated lightning strikes resulted in severe damage to the fire alarm panels in Thigpen Hall (O Villa), Cusac Hall (P/Q Villa), Beaty Hall (V/W Villa), the Heyward Community Center, and the Griffin Athletics Complex.

FMU Facilities immediately contacted Johnson Controls to assess and assist in immediate remediation. The loss of the ability of a properly functioning fire alarm system is a safety issue therefore it is critical for immediate remediation.

At the time of the PO, the vendor or the University did not know the extent of the damage.

Vendor Selection:

The mitigation of the lightning and the subsequent remediation process is emergent due to the potential life safety risk of having a fire alarm in disrepair. The fire alarm panels and equipment are proprietary equipment owned by Johnson and Controls, Inc. (JCI) therefore no other vendor can service or supply the necessary equipment. For these reasons, JCI was contacted and was given confirmation to begin the emergent repair work.

JCI can step in to complete this repair work immediately to help avoid any interruptions in the University's fire alarm needs. The estimated cost for this repair currently is \$60,096.74, but only after JCI has completed their entire inspection of the damage will the University know the total value of this purchase, Throughout the University's contract with JCI, the estimated pricing provided by JCI is fair and reasonable.

Notice of Emergency Procurement Advertisement Date in South Carolina Business Opportunities: [August 12, 2024](#)

Award Date: **August 20, 2024**

Awarded To: **Johnson Controls, Inc.**
PO Box 730068
Dallas TX 75373

Estimated Value: [over \\$50,000 \(currently \\$60,096.74\)](#)

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

Director of Purchasing
Jennifer D Hester