

INTENT TO SOLE SOURCE

May 24, 2023

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is seeking a qualified vendor to provide miscellaneous Idexx water/microbiology and wastewater testing supplies. Qualified vendors must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Provide Idexx testing supplies that analyze drinking water and wastewater for contaminants (e.g. enterococci, *Escherichia coli*, etc.)
- (2) supplies must be able to provide test results within a 24-hour time frame
- (3) supplies must be in compliance with US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) methodology

DHEC's Environmental Affairs Division of Analytical and Radiological Services (ARESD) is an environmental compliance and enforcement laboratory that has these specific Idexx products written into their standard operating procedures, which have been approved by the EPA. The central and regional DHEC laboratories for the performance of these methods are in compliance with EPA approved methodology as specified in 40 CFR Parts 136 and 141. The laboratories are certified by the EPA for the use of these specific Idexx testing supplies.

The total estimated dollar amount of the purchase is \$125,000.00. The contract is for one year. Qualified vendors should contact Laura Cravens by e-mail at cravenlm@dhec.sc.gov or by phone at (803) 898-3482 by midnight ET, June 5, 2023 for additional information.

Protests:

If you are aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-4210. To protest an award, you must:

- (i) submit notice of your intent to protest within five (5) business days of the date this notice is posted, and
- (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date this 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. 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. Any protest or notice of intent to protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing:

(a) by email to: protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us or

(b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.