

INTENT TO SOLE SOURCE

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is seeking qualified vendors to provide one (1) Illumina NexSeq 1000 Sequencing System and a One Year Warranty.

As members of the CDC's PulseNet national foodborne outbreak surveillance network, DHEC's lab is responsible for reporting their statewide results to the CDC in order to link South Carolina outbreaks to any and all national foodborne outbreaks.

This system will give the Public Health Laboratory the ability to sequence more samples within the CDC's required turn-around times. With a new emphasis being placed on Wastewater testing and surveillance, the NextSeq 1000 system will allow larger genomes to be processed without interrupting the current workflow for other sample types. This system is to be used in the DHEC Molecular Epidemiology Laboratory. The total estimated dollar amount of the purchase is \$185,000.

Qualified vendors should contact Amber Kerr via email at kerral@dhec.sc.gov by June 1, 2023, for additional information.

PROTESTS (MAY 2019)

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, Information Technology Management Office, and submitted in writing

(a) by email to: protest-itmo@itmo.gov, or

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