

JUSTIFICATION FOR AWARD WITHOUT COMPETITION

(To be completed and submitted by the Office of Procurement)

Based upon the following determination, the proposed procurement action described below is being procured pursuant to the authority of Section 11-35-1560 of the SC Procurement Code and 19-445.2105 of the Rules and Regulations, 1976 SC Code of Laws.

Why does the governmental body need this item or service: (description of the agency need that this procurement meets):

32 George King George Inn requires a new fire protection system.

As a sole source procurement for \$ 53978

from (name of sole source contractor): Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP

Description of market research Agency has performed to determine the availability of products or services that would meet the Agency's needs:

Market research using GovSpend and Google have found that Johnson Controls has the exclusive proprietary rights and trademarks for Simplex Grinnell network fire system and equipment. There is no other resellers of Simplex Grinnell or vendors who can provide equipment that can integrate with the College's existing monitoring system "True Site Work" See below for more details.

Description of supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services Vendor will provide under the contract:

The vendor will provide a fire protection system at 32 King George that will integrate with CofC's existing 50+ inter-connected & compatible systems that all operate through a mainframe system called "True Site Workstation" (TSW). The TSW maintains & delivers a state of the art detailed fire alarm network that allows for on-site dispatching, central monitoring, and up to the minute service details.

Detailed explanation why no other vendor's supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services will meet the needs of the Agency:

Although there are other fire protection systems available in the market, there are no resellers of Simplex Grinnell or vendors who can provide equipment that can integrate with the College's existing monitoring system "True Site Work" The TSW is capable of the addition of any additional needed systems, but is not capable of integrating with outside equipment, nor with the fire alarm panels already installed. Compatibility & interoperability are key factors to ensure consistency, reliability and safety. Also, maintaining consistency and similar equipment allows for interchangeable equipment, which allows for lower long term service cost and improved maintenance.

X In accordance with the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement section 11-35-1560 - Sole Source, the College of Charleston announced the intent to award without Competition. No protests were received.

Solicitation# 24-43-SDM-SS

Contract Expiration Date: 6/30/2024

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If this procurement is \$50,000 or greater, the Drug Free Workplace Act (§ 44-107-10, et Seq. Code of Laws of SC) applies, the acceptance of a Purchase Order signifies the Vendor certification that they are in compliance with the Drug Free Workplace Act.

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