

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):

To properly analyze the organic macromolecules produced in Dr. Van Horn's research, a GPC needs 1) the dual-flow refractive index detector with a continuous flow through cell, 2) two isocratic pumps that operate independently through the RI detector, and 3) the system must be temperature controlled from sample injection through pumps, autosampler, RI detector and solvent system to waste for best data collection and analysis.

As a sole source procurement for \$ 57,427.30

from (name of sole source contractor): Tosoh Bioscience LLC

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

Market research through Procurement IQ and GovSpend did not provide any findings. However, research using Google did confirm that this system is proprietary to Tosoh and they are only source for purchasing it.

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

A EcoSEC Elite GPC (gel permeation chromatography) system for polymer research analysis.

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

There are other manufacturers that offer GPC systems that contain some of these elements and most have parts of the GPC that are temperature controlled and parts that are not. Tosoh EcoSEC Elite is the only system that has all three of these criteria in one instrument with temperature control from start to finish.

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# 24.53.JCB.SS

Contract Expiration Date: 08/30/2024

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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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Buyer's Initials

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