

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):

Grice Marine lab will be getting a new sprinkler system that requires significant interface to the existing panel that does not currently exist.

As a sole source procurement for \$ 80,119.00

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 Fire Protection has the exclusive proprietary rights and trademarks for Simplex Grinnell network fire system and equipment. There are no other resellers of Simplex Grinnell or vendors who can provide equipment that can integrate with the College's existing monitoring system.

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

New Fire Panel, repeater nodes, and sensing devices.

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

College of Charleston committed and invested in a campus-wide fire alarm networking system. This network fire system is a Simplex Grinnell equipment-based system with proprietary rights and trademarks (Johnson Controls Fire Protection). Our existing system has over 50 inter-connected and compatible systems with two separate loop systems that include the main campus, Stono Preserve, Harbor Walk, Grice Marine Labs, and Patriots Point that all operate through a mainframe system called "True Site Workstation" (TSW). The TSW maintains and delivers a state-of-the-art detailed fire alarm network that allows for on-site dispatching, central monitoring (required by code), and up-to-the-minute service details. 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 and interoperability are key factors to ensure consistency and reliability. Also, 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# 25.79.JCB.SS

Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/2025

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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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