

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

Notice of Intent to Sole Source Procurement Officer: Phone: E-Mail Address:

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In accordance with §11-35-1560 (A) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, it is the intent of Winthrop University (Winthrop) to award without competition a sole source contract in accordance with Regulation 19-445.2105 (B) (5) to procure Bruker's TRACER™ Sg handheld X-ray fluorescence {XRF) is a spectrometer that is mobile and used to analyze elements.

From Bruker AXS LLC 5465 East Cheryl Parkway Madison, WI, 53711-5373 USA on the basis of:

This is the only brand XRF system that has a helium port to allow helium to be transported to the field site so analysis can be done on archaeological material on site. In addition, the wide variety of internal calibrations allow the researcher to travel lighter and not need to recalibrate with expensive standards during the field work.

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$54,745.00 plus taxes

QUESTIONS/RESPONSES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Shall be addressed to the email address of the Procurement Officer indicated above.

<u>PROTESTS</u> If you are aggrieved in connection with the 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 the award notice is posted, and (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date the award 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.sc.gov or (b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.

Unless otherwise suspended or canceled, Winthrop will enter into a contract for these services. Contractor should not perform work on or incur any costs associated with this notice prior to the receipt of a purchase order. Winthrop assumes no liability for any expenses incurred prior to issuance of a purchase order.