

SE-621**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD IDQ CONTRACT****AGENCY:** South Carolina Department of Commerce**IDQ CONTRACT NAME:** IDQ - Rural Development and Strategic Planning Consulting Services**IDQ CONTRACT NUMBER:** P32-P003-SG**POSTING DATE:** 7/1/2024

Notice is hereby given that the Agency Selection Committee has, in accordance with the requirements of SC Code § 11-35-3220, the Manual for Planning and Execution of State Permanent Improvement Projects, and the solicitation documents, reviewed the qualifications of interested firms and determined the firm(s) listed below to be the most qualified for this contract. The Agency hereby announces its intent to award a contract to the following firm(s):

NAME(S) OF FIRM(S) SELECTED:1. Strategic Location Advisors2. Creative Economic Development Consulting3. Boudreaux

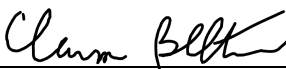
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DATE SELECTION WAS MADE: 5/29/2024**REMARKS:** *(If "No Contract to be Awarded" is entered above, indicate the reason.)* _____**RIGHT TO PROTEST (SC Code § 11-35-4210)**

Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of this contract may be entitled to protest. To protest an award, you must (i) submit notice of your intent to protest within seven (7) business days of the date the award notice is posted, and (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen (15) 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.

PROTEST - CPO ADDRESS - OSE: Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer for Construction, Office of State Engineer, and submitted in writing (a) by email to: protest-ose@mmo.sc.gov, or (b) by post or delivery to 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201. By submitting a protest to the foregoing email address, you (and any person acting on your behalf) consent to receive communications regarding your protest (and any related protests) at the email address from which you sent your protest.

BY: *(Signature of Agency Head or Designee)***PRINT NAME:** Clarissa Belton**TITLE:** Deputy Director of Administration**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AGENCY:**

1. Post a copy of the SE-621 at the location announced at the interviews.
2. Send the SE-621 electronically to all firms that responded to the Invitation the same day it is posted.