

**Lowcountry Council of Governments
Lowcountry Workforce Board
Post Office Box 98
Yemassee, South Carolina 29945**

Notice of Intent to Award

Posting Date: 5/24/23

Lowcountry Council of Governments intends to award contract(s) noted below. Unless otherwise suspended or canceled, this document becomes the final Statement of Award effective June 1, 2023. Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the final statement of award serves as acceptance of your offer.

Contractor should not perform work on or incur any costs associated with the contract prior to the effective date of the contract. Contractor should not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the using governmental unit. The State assumes no liability for any expenses incurred prior to the effective date of the contract and issuance of a purchase order.

Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within ten days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with this code. A protest shall be in writing, shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided, and must be received by the appropriate Director within the time provided.

PROTEST: Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within ten days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with this code. A protest shall be in writing, shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided, and must be received by the appropriate Director within the time provided. Any protest must be addressed to, Workforce Development Director, Lowcountry Council of Governments, and submitted in writing (a) by email to mbutler@lowcountrycog.org; subject line must read "Protest WIOA 2022-01-ADY-OSO", (b) by facsimile at 843-726-5165, or (c) by post P.O. Box 98, Yemassee, SC 29945-0098, or delivery 634 Campground Rd, Yemassee, SC 29945. If the protestor wishes to appear before the Board or its designated Committee, it must be so specified in writing. The appeal process is established to provide recourse for offerors who think that their proposal did not receive proper consideration. Offerors entering an appeal should be prepared to document specific facts (e.g., conflict of interest, nepotism, etc.), which put the aggrieved offeror at a competitive disadvantage and/or document violation of specific sections(s) of the applicable law. Offerors cannot appeal simply because they believe their program to be superior to one selected. The solicitation process will be reviewed and a report will be issued on its adequacy and whether the process was followed. The offeror will be notified in writing of the findings within 30 days.

The LWB reserves the right to refuse to consider any appeal that does not identify specific procedural shortcomings. The decisions of the Board or its designated Committee are final.

Solicitation: WIOA 2022-01 ADY-OSO

Issue Date: 3/29/2023

Opening Date/Time: May 3, 2023 at 1:00 pm EST

Review Date: May 17, 2023

Description: WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth Services and One Stop Operator

Agency: Lowcountry Council of Governments

Awarded To: Ross Innovative Employment Solutions

Total Potential Value: \$774,500

Contract Number: WIOA 2022-01 ADY-OSO

Lowcountry Council of Governments for the Lowcountry Workforce Board

Buyer: Shelly Campbell