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**U N I V E R S I T Y O F**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**INTENT TO AWARD**

This is a statement of intent to award a contract and becomes the official statement of award effective 8:00 A.M. August 14, 2007, unless otherwise suspended or canceled. Vendors are cautioned not to begin work on the contract or incur any costs associated with the contract prior to the effective date of the contract. The University of South Carolina assumes no liability for the expenses incurred by vendors prior to the effective date of the contract.

Bidder's right to protest as listed in section 11-35-4210 in the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code applies to this award. Protest to be filed with:

Chief Procurement Officer  
Materials Management Office  
1201 Main Street, Suite 600  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Facsimile: 803- 737-0639  
Email: protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us

**Referenced Solicitation Number: USC-FPB-1065-RB**

**For Furnishing:** **Furnish, deliver, & supply specialty & research gases & supplies as required by the University of South Carolina, Columbia Campus**

**Issue Date:** **July 11, 2007**

**Opening Date:** **July 30, 2007**

**Awarded to:** **Praxair  
1939 Bluff Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29201**

**Award Amount:** **55% Discount Specialty & Research Gases  
30% Discount Hard goods & Supplies for Specialty & Research Gases**

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**Awarded to:**

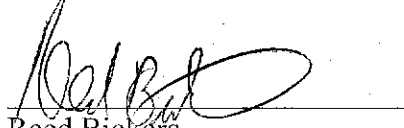
**National Welders Supply  
810 Gesco St. P.O. Box 31007  
Charlotte, NC 28231**

**Award Amount:**

**80% Discount Hydrogen Specialty & Research Gases  
65% Discount Argon, Carbon Dioxide, Nitrogen,  
Oxygen Specialty & Research Gases  
50% Discount Air, Helium, etc. Specialty & Research  
Gases  
45% 2 part, 3 part Mixed Specialty & Research Gases  
35% Electronic Grade ULSI, Chlorine, Hydrogen,  
Hydrogen Chloride, Nitrogen, Methane, Blue  
Ammonia, Saline Specialty & Research Gases  
30% Supplies: Regulators, Manifolds, Fittings,  
Gas Cabinets, Control Equipment  
40% Safety Items**

**Date of Award:**

**August 1, 2007**



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