



UNIVERSITY OF  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Posting Date: August 27, 2009

**INTENT TO AWARD**

This is a statement of intent to award a contract and becomes the official statement of award effective 8:00 AM, September 9, 2009 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

**Solicitation Number:** USC-IFB-1534-RB

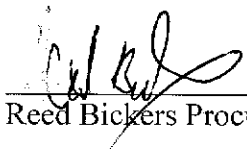
**Issue Date:** July 24, 2009

**Opening Date:** August 17, 2009

**Description:** Thermal Field Emission Scanning Electron  
Microscope

**Awarded to:** Carl Zeiss SMT, Inc.  
One Corporation Way  
Peabody, MA 01960

**Award Amount:** \$575,000.00 Lot #B

  
Reed Bickers Procurement Specialist II