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**SOUTH CAROLINA**

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO SOLICITATION

TO: ALL VENDORS

FROM: Michelle Robinson, CPPB, Procurement Manager

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION NUMBER: USC-IFB-2549-MR  
Nikon TS100F Inverted Microscope

DATE: February 19, 2014

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This Amendment No.1 modifies the Invitation for Bid only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

**Vendor Questions and Answers**

**Change Opening Date from February 24, 2014 to February 26, 2014;  
Time remains the same**

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BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT NO.1 IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH THEIR BID RESPONSE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY SUBJECT BID TO REJECTION.

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Authorized Signature

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Name of Offeror

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Date

## **The following Questions were received from Vendor A**

### **Question # 1**

Is the end user open to an alternative solution to the wavelength-switching device? My company offers a patented wavelength-switching monochromator illuminator as opposed to the filter wheel device specified. Our illumination device offers superior performance with several distinct advantages over the filter wheel device, such as full spectrum scanning and excitation at the exact isobestic point. It can also switch between any 2 excitation wavelengths in 2 milliseconds and is not limited to the filter wavelengths.

### **Answer**

The filter wheel device suffices for the end user's applications. They don't expect having to use anything more sophisticated, but are willing to consider other alternatives if it is under the same price.

### **Question #2**

What types of applications will the end user be performing, i.e. ratiometric calcium imaging, etc.?

### **Answer**

Multiple particle tracking and live imaging of cells.

### **Question # 3**

The bid specifications do not include a computer workstation. Will the end user be requiring a new computer workstation? Our solution includes a computer workstation. Should I include this in the bid or back it out of the package and reduce pricing accordingly?

### **Answer**

The computer has already been purchased through an agreement between the University and Dell.

### **Question # 4**

Will software substitution be acceptable? Our solution provides proprietary software for acquisition and analysis as opposed to the Nikon Elements software required for the filter wheel device.

### **Answer**

The end user's previous data and the data from its collaborators were acquired using Nikon's software. There may be compatibility problems.