

Notice of Intent to Sole Source

Posting Date: 11/6/2024

Francis Marion University seeks to sole source the procurement of a fully virtual dissection table, Anatomage model, for anatomy learning modalities.

Intent to Sole Source:

FMU's Biology Department needs a fully virtual dissection table that will provide digitally dissectible specimens that can also be manipulated to see all aspects of the structures being studied. For students taking BIOL202 (Vertebrate Zoology), BIOL217 (Principles of Animal Nutrition), BIOL205 (Human Anatomy), BIOL236 (Human Physiology for Healthcare Workers), BIOL 302 (Developmental), BIOL305 (Vertebrate Comparative Anatomy), BIOL406 (Human Physiology), and BIOL410 (Animal Physiology), they must be able to take part in dissection to study anatomical structures to be successful in the classroom and be competitive in their chosen career path. Dissection allows students to learn how the tissues and organs are interrelated, it gives students an appreciation of the complexity of organisms in a hands-on learning environment, and it also helps to provide a memorable and instructional unit in a biology course.

FMU has completed market research to purchase the virtual dissection table with the 3D feature. This 3D feature will allow for an experience that cannot be had with videos or online tutorials. Students will be able to layer systems upon one another and remove systems they do not wish to cover at the moment. The isolation of systems is something that tangible models cannot provide. The Anatomage table has software containing developing human images, two full human cadavers (male & female) and 12 non-human animals. This table can be laid flat for a horizontal interactive lab for students, or it can be oriented vertically as a teaching aid. With the introduction of our Veterinary Studies concentration and our Animal Science courses, this table provides easy access to common veterinary patient specimens that would otherwise be cost prohibitive to obtain. Full models of 12 different non-human animals in their various system states is not only expensive, but it also requires space that we don't have. In addition, the images that are available for developmental biology are becoming more and more challenging to find in slide form. Usually, embryonic development slides are prepared slides of non-human embryos which are close, but not exact, to human development. This table will provide exact examples of human development which is critical for our medical field majors.

The cost for the Anatomage Table is \$113,362.20

Company Specifics:

Anatomage, Inc.
3350 Thomas Rd. Ste 150
Santa Clara CA 95054

Contact Person for this Intent to Sole Source:

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Contact deadline: November 13, 2024 11:59 pm EST

Unless additional pertinent information is forthcoming, Award will be posted at the following physical address and website address on November 14, 2024:

Francis Marion University
Purchasing Office
Stokes Administration Building, Room 102
4822 East Palmetto Street
Florence, SC 29506
www.fmarion.edu/about/solicitationsawards

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- (a) by email to protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov,
- (b) by facsimile at 803-737-0639, or
- (c) by post or delivery to:

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MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OFFICE
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