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Protest Decision

Matter of: Triple T Critical Power Services LLC. aka. PowerChampions

File No.: 2026-145

Posting Date: September 16, 2026

Contracting Entity: South Carolina Department of Corrections

Solicitation No.: 5400029826

Description: Gillette 150KW Diesel Generator

DIGEST

Protest of the Intent to Award is denied. Triple T. Critical Power Services LLC's (PowerChampions)¹ letter of protest is included by reference. [Exhibit A]

AUTHORITY

The Chief Procurement Officer² (CPO) conducted an administrative review pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §11-35-4210(4). This decision is based on materials in the procurement file and applicable law and precedents.

¹ Triple T. Critical Power Services LLC's vendor registration number is 7000388939 and shows the primary contact as Kyle Michael with the PowerChampions email address.

² The Materials Management Officer delegated the administrative review of this protest to the Deputy Chief Procurement Officer.

BACKGROUND

Solicitation Issued	05/18/2026
Amendment 1 Issued	05/22/2026
Intent to Award Posted	06/10/2026
Intent to Protest Received	06/20/2026

The South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) issued this Invitation for Bids to acquire services and equipment to furnish and install one Gillette 150KW Diesel Generator (or equivalent) at their SCDC Headquarters in Columbia, SC. SCDC posted an Intent to Award to Generator Services, Inc. on June 10, 2026. PowerChampions filed an Intent to Protest on June 20 and included its grounds for protest.

ANALYSIS

The Amendment to the solicitation [Exhibit B] noted an amended time for bids to be submitted. The bid opening was scheduled for June 04, 2026, at 10:00am EST. At the time of bid opening, four bids were received. Two bids were received in the online bidding system, and two bids were received in the mail. A screenshot from the online bidding system is included below for reference.

Responses and Awards

Print Preview Close Create Follow-on RFx Export Questions and Answers (0) Synopsis

Remaining Time 0 Days 00:00:00 Smart Number GILLETTE 150KW DIESEL GENERATOR Type Invitation For Bid Status Published Number of Suppliers 7 RFx Number 5400029826

Response Activity Response Comparison Surrogate Bidding

Response Number	Response Status	Company Name	Bidder Name	Intent	Response Version	Last Changed on	Response on Behalf
		GENERATOR SERVICES INC		◇			
		MAXIMUM POWER GENERATOR SERVICES		◇			
5500103844	Submitted	CURRENT EDGE SOLUTIONS LLC		●		06/03/2026	
		GENERATOR SUPERCENTER OF CHARLESTON		◇			
		CAROLINA GENERATOR SERVICE LLC		◇			
5500103866	Submitted	READY POWER LLC		●		06/04/2026	
		TRIPLE T CRITICAL POWER SERVICES LL		●			

A copy of the bid tabulation shows the four offers received and their bid totals as indicated below [Exhibit C].

<u>Offeror</u>	<u>Total Bid Price</u>	<u>Method of Submittal</u>
Generator Services, Inc	\$73,529.	Online
Finley Logistics, LLC	\$112,989.	Via Mail
Current Edge Solutions	\$122,323.	Via Mail
Ready Power, LLC	\$153,716.	Online

While PowerChampions had noted its “Intent” in the system as indicated with the arrows above, no bid was received.

PowerChampions requests the State consider its bid, but no record of a bid exists. For this reason, PowerChampions lacks standing to maintain this protest.

Standing to protest requires a party to have a legal interest in the dispute. Under Section 11-35-4210(1)(b), only an “actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award” may maintain a protest of an intended award or award. “Thus, in order to protest an award or intended award, a party must bid on a contract and the State must announce its intent to award to another bidder.” *Appeal of S.C. Ass’n of the Deaf*, Panel Case No. 2008-5; *see also Protest of Smith & Jones Distributing Co., Inc.*, Panel Case 1994-5 (finding company that submitted a “no bid” lacked standing to file a protest). While PowerChampions may have tried to submit a bid, it was never able to upload a bid and become an “actual bidder.” PowerChampions’ protest, therefore, is dismissed for lack of standing.

DECISION

For the reasons stated above, the protest of PowerChampions is denied.



Stacy Adams
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer

STATEMENT OF RIGHT TO FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Protest Appeal Notice (Revised July 2025)

The South Carolina Procurement Code, in Section 11-35-4210, subsection 6, states:

(6) Finality of Decision. A decision pursuant to subsection (4) is final and conclusive, unless fraudulent or unless a person adversely affected by the decision requests a further administrative review by the Procurement Review Panel pursuant to Section 11-35-4410(1) within ten days of posting of the decision in accordance with subsection (5). The request for review must be directed to the appropriate chief procurement officer, who shall forward the request to the panel or to the Procurement Review Panel, and must be in writing, setting forth the reasons for disagreement with the decision of the appropriate chief procurement officer. The person also may request a hearing before the Procurement Review Panel. The appropriate chief procurement officer and an affected governmental body shall have the opportunity to participate fully in a later review or appeal, administrative or judicial.

Copies of the Panel's decisions and other additional information regarding the protest process is available on the internet at the following web site: <http://procurement.sc.gov>

FILING FEE: Pursuant to Proviso 111.1 of the 2025 General Appropriations Act, "[r]equests for administrative review before the South Carolina Procurement Review Panel shall be accompanied by a filing fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), payable to the SC Procurement Review Panel. The panel is authorized to charge the party requesting an administrative review under the South Carolina Code Sections 11-35-4210(6), 11-35-4220(5), 11-35-4230(6) and/or 11-35-4410...Withdrawal of an appeal will result in the filing fee being forfeited to the panel. If a party desiring to file an appeal is unable to pay the filing fee because of financial hardship, the party shall submit a completed Request for Filing Fee Waiver form at the same time the request for review is filed. *[The Request for Filing Fee Waiver form is attached to this Decision.]* If the filing fee is not waived, the party must pay the filing fee within fifteen days of the date of receipt of the order denying waiver of the filing fee. Requests for administrative review will not be accepted unless accompanied by the filing fee or a completed Request for Filing Fee Waiver form at the time of filing." PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE "SC PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL."

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: In order to prosecute an appeal before the Panel, business entities organized and registered as corporations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships must be represented by a lawyer. Failure to obtain counsel will result in dismissal of your appeal. *Protest of Lighting Services*, Case No. 2002-10 (Proc. Rev. Panel Nov. 6, 2002) and *Protest of The Kardon Corporation*, Case No. 2002-13 (Proc. Rev. Panel Jan. 31, 2003); and *Protest of PC&C J&Hs, LLC*, Case No. 2012-1 (Proc. Rev. Panel April 2, 2012). However, individuals and those operating as an individual doing business under a trade name may proceed without counsel, if desired.

**South Carolina Procurement Review Panel
Request for Filing Fee Waiver
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 366, Columbia, SC 29201**

Name of Requestor

Address

City

State

Zip

Business Phone

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1. What is your/your company's monthly income? _____
 2. What are your/your company's monthly expenses? _____
 3. List any other circumstances which you think affect your/your company's ability to pay the filing fee:

To the best of my knowledge, the information above is true and accurate. I have made no attempt to misrepresent my/my company's financial condition. I hereby request that the filing fee for requesting administrative review be waived.

Sworn to before me this
_____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public of South Carolina

Requestor/Appellant

My Commission expires: _____

For official use only: _____ Fee Waived _____ Waiver Denied

Chairman or Vice Chairman, SC Procurement Review Panel

This _____ day of _____, 20_____
Columbia, South Carolina

NOTE: If your filing fee request is denied, you will be expected to pay the filing fee within fifteen (15) days of the date of receipt of the order denying the waiver.