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Protest Dismissal

Matter of: Lantern Residences LLC

File No.: 2026-130

Posting Date: January 28, 2026

Contracting Entity: State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Division of Procurement Services (DPS)

Solicitation No.: 5400028914

Description: Transitional Housing for the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon (PPP)

DIGEST

The Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) dismisses as moot the protest of Lantern Residences LLC (Lantern) challenging DPS's failure post a notice of intent to award it a contract for transitional housing where DPS has subsequently posted a notice intent to award Lantern such a contract.

AUTHORITY

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

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On November 11, 2025, DPS published a solicitation on behalf of PPP for fixed price bids to provide transitional. Under fixed price bidding, the State must award all responsive and responsible bidder's a contract. S.C. Code Ann. §11-35-1525(7) By the deadline for receipt of

bids, the State received multiple bids, including one from Lantern. On December 23, DPS posted a notice of intent to award contracts to five bidders while it continued to evaluate other bidders. Lantern was not one of these five bidders. The following day, Lantern filed a notice of intent to protest with the CPO. [Exhibit A] Subsequently, the Procurement Officer and Lantern engaged in an exchange of a series of emails on which they copied the CPO. [Exhibit B] This series of emails made it clear that Lantern's protest was that DPS did not post a notice of intent to award a contract to it. On January 8, 2026, Lantern filed what it intended as a formal written protest which confirmed the nature of Lantern's protest as set forth in the email exchange. [Exhibit C] While this document was a day past the deadline for filing a protest, it added nothing to what had already been covered in the email exchange on which the CPO was copied. Put another way, Lantern's emails which were copied to the CPO on or before the deadline to protest were sufficient to constitute a timely protest.

The relief Lantern requested in its protest was award of a contract. On January 21, 2026, DPS posted a notice of intent to award a contract to Lantern. [Exhibit D] Since Lantern has received the relief requested in its protest, there is nothing left for the CPO to decide, and this matter is now moot.

DECISION

For the reason stated above, the CPO dismisses Lantern's protest as moot.



John St. C. White
Chief Procurement Officer

Columbia, South Carolina

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 Lanterns, 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
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Business Phone

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.

Exhibit A

To: Jennifer Abney
Chief Procurement Officer
Materials Management Office
State of South Carolina
Email: protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us

From:
Lantern Residences, LLC
180 Spring Street, Charleston, Sc, 29403
zhighfield@lanternresidences.org
843-670-3358

Date: 12/24/2025

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROTEST

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4210(1)(b), Lantern Residences, LLC hereby submits this Notice of Intent to Protest the Intent to Award posted on December 23, 2025, for Solicitation No. 5400028914, Transitional Housing (PPP), issued by the State of South Carolina on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services.

Lantern Residences, LLC was an actual offeror under the above-referenced solicitation and is aggrieved by the State's award decision. Lantern believes the award decision was made in error and/or without proper application of the solicitation's requirements, including but not limited to the evaluation of qualifications, capacity, responsiveness, and compliance with mandatory solicitation criteria.

Lantern Residences, LLC intends to submit a formal written protest within the timeframe required by law and reserves all rights available under the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code.

This Notice of Intent to Protest is submitted timely and in good faith for the purpose of preserving Lantern Residences, LLC's rights under § 11-35-4210.

Please confirm receipt of this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Lantern Residences, LLC
Zachery Highfield , CEO/Founder
12/24/2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachery Highfield". The signature is fluid and includes a stylized 'Z' on the left and a 'H' with a diagonal line through it on the right.

Exhibit C

January 8, 2026

Via Email Only

Jennifer Abney
Chief Procurement Officer
Materials Management Office
State Fiscal Accountability Authority
1333 Main Street, Suite 700
Columbia, SC 29201
protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us

Re: Protest of Intent to Award Solicitation No. 5400028914
Transitional Housing (PPP)
Line 0002: Transitional Housing Services with Programming (THS-P)

Dear Chief Procurement Officer Abney:

Lantern Residences, LLC submits this formal Protest pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4210 in connection with the Intent to Award posted on December 23, 2025, for Solicitation No. 5400028914, Transitional Housing (PPP), issued on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.

Lantern is an actual offeror under this solicitation and is aggrieved by the State's decision to exclude Lantern from the awarded vendors list for Line 0002. The solicitation is a Fixed Price Bid and expressly states that award will be made to all responsive and responsible offerors. Lantern was responsive and responsible and, under the plain terms of the solicitation, should have been included in the Intent to Award. The procurement record described by the State confirms there is no documented basis to exclude Lantern.

Lantern respectfully requests immediate corrective action: inclusion of Lantern on the awarded vendors list for Line 0002 and issuance of the resulting contract award documentation consistent with the solicitation.

I. JURISDICTION, STANDING, AND TIMELINESS

This Protest is submitted to the Chief Procurement Officer under S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4210. Lantern submitted a timely Notice of Intent to Protest dated December 24, 2025. This Protest is filed within the applicable protest period measured from the December 23, 2025 posting of the Intent to Award. Lantern reserves the right to supplement this Protest as the procurement record is produced.

Lantern also submitted a Request for Procurement Records dated December 24, 2025 pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-410, specifically requesting evaluation documentation, responsibility or

responsiveness determinations, criteria applied to capacity and geographic need, comparative analyses, and internal communications concerning Lantern’s offer. The State responded that many requested documents “do not exist,” and further represented that there were no responsibility or responsiveness determinations for Lantern “in the contract folder.” That admission is material to this Protest because the State nevertheless excluded Lantern from an award that the solicitation mandates be made to all responsive and responsible offerors.

II. MATERIAL SOLICITATION TERMS

Solicitation No. 5400028914 is a Fixed Price Bid solicitation. As relevant here:

1. The solicitation establishes two line items and caps, including Line 0002, Transitional Housing Services with Programming (THS-P), at not to exceed \$50.00 per night.
2. Section VI, Award Criteria, includes the Fixed Price Bid clause providing that award will be made to all responsive and responsible offerors.
3. The solicitation also contains language addressing bids received after award, including the January and July 10 opening dates in later cycles. That language is not a substitute for a lawful award under the initial bid opening and does not authorize exclusion of a responsive and responsible offeror from the initial awarded vendors list.

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Lantern submitted a bid for Line 0002 only, THS-P, and entered a unit price of \$50.00.
2. Lantern submitted the signed Cover Page and Page Two required by the solicitation. Lantern can prove submission with contemporaneous records and will provide the same as exhibits.
3. Lantern acknowledged Amendment 1 as required by the solicitation.
4. After bid closing, the State (through its procurement personnel) asserted that Lantern’s submission was “lacking” certain items, including “two cover pages” and an “explanation of transportation services.” The State also requested Lantern to “acknowledge Amendment #1.”
5. Each of those assertions is incorrect as to Lantern. Lantern submitted the signed Cover Page and Page Two, acknowledged Amendment 1, and submitted the pricing entry required for Line 0002. Any claim that these items were absent is either a mistake in the State’s recordkeeping or a mischaracterization of Lantern’s submission.
6. The State has represented in writing that Fixed Price Bids “typically do not have any evaluation documents” and further stated that there are no responsibility or

responsiveness determinations for Lantern in the contract folder. The State nevertheless excluded Lantern from the awarded vendors list posted December 23, 2025.

7. The procurement emails produced to date demonstrate that other offerors were contacted after bid closing to supply additional information (including, by example, insurance and program information), and in at least one instance an offeror was permitted to modify its position with respect to a line item after bid closing. This post-closing supplementation underscores that the State was willing to allow cure or supplementation for certain offerors, but has not treated Lantern consistently despite Lantern being responsive on the face of its submission.
8. The State has requested that Lantern rescind its protest on the stated basis that award approval for Lantern is “still pending” with the using agency. That is not a lawful basis to exclude Lantern from the awarded vendors list where the solicitation mandates award to all responsive and responsible offerors, and where the State cannot produce any written determination that Lantern is non-responsive or non-responsible.

IV. GROUNDS FOR PROTEST

Ground One: The State violated the solicitation’s mandatory award rule by excluding Lantern despite Lantern being responsive and responsible for Line 0002.

This procurement is governed by the solicitation’s Fixed Price Bid award clause: award will be made to all responsive and responsible offerors. Under that rule, the State has only two lawful paths with respect to Lantern:

1. Include Lantern on the awarded vendors list for Line 0002; or
2. Issue, and be able to produce, a defensible determination that Lantern is non-responsive or non-responsible under the solicitation.

Here, the State has done neither. The State’s written response indicates there are no responsibility or responsiveness determinations for Lantern in the contract folder. Yet Lantern was excluded from the Intent to Award. Exclusion without a documented, lawful determination is arbitrary, contrary to the solicitation’s express terms, and cannot be sustained.

Further, the items the State claimed were missing from Lantern’s submission are demonstrably not missing. Lantern will attach proof of submission. Under the solicitation’s own award rule, Lantern’s responsive submission required inclusion on the awarded vendors list.

Ground Two: The procurement record, as described by the State, cannot support excluding Lantern, and the State’s position reflects an arbitrary and inconsistent responsiveness review.

Even in a Fixed Price Bid procurement where award is made to all responsive and responsible offerors, the State must still apply responsiveness requirements uniformly and maintain a record

sufficient to explain why an offeror was excluded. The State has taken the position that evaluation documents do not exist and that there is no responsibility/responsiveness determination for Lantern in the contract folder. That is incompatible with Lantern’s exclusion.

In addition, the email record reflects that the State and using agency solicited additional information from other offerors after bid closing, including information that relates to compliance with solicitation requirements. If the State is allowing post-closing supplementation or cure for some offerors, it must apply the same approach consistently and without disparate treatment. Lantern was responsive on submission. The State’s attempt to exclude Lantern while permitting supplementation elsewhere is inconsistent and improper.

Ground Three: The State’s reliance on the “bids received after award” schedule does not excuse the unlawful exclusion of Lantern from the initial award.

The solicitation’s provision regarding later openings (January and July 10) addresses offerors “not responding to the initial solicitation” or bids received after the initial bid opening. Lantern did respond to the initial solicitation and timely submitted its Line 0002 bid. Therefore, the later-opening mechanism is irrelevant to whether Lantern should have been included in the initial Intent to Award posted December 23, 2025.

Lantern agrees that, if the State lawfully excluded Lantern from the initial award, Lantern could attempt to re-enter the process later. But that premise fails because Lantern was not lawfully excluded. The State cannot retroactively reclassify a timely, responsive submission as “after award” to avoid the solicitation’s mandatory award rule.

V. PREJUDICE

Lantern has been prejudiced by the State’s errors because:

1. Lantern is a responsive and responsible offeror under Line 0002 and, by the solicitation’s express terms, should have been awarded a contract as part of the awarded vendors list.
2. Exclusion from the awarded vendors list deprives Lantern of contract status and the opportunity to receive tasking/work under the contract vehicle during the initial award period, including the time-sensitive period immediately following the posted award.
3. The State’s inability to produce a responsiveness/responsibility determination, coupled with inconsistent post-closing supplementation practices, undermines the integrity of the procurement and materially harms Lantern as a qualified offeror.

VI. RELIEF REQUESTED

Lantern respectfully requests that the Chief Procurement Officer grant the following relief:

1. Sustain this Protest.

2. Direct immediate corrective action by adding Lantern Residences, LLC to the awarded vendors list for Solicitation No. 5400028914, Line 0002 (THS-P), and issuing the appropriate contract award documentation consistent with the solicitation's fixed price award criteria.
3. Confirm in writing that the procurement remains stayed or suspended pending resolution of this Protest, or in the alternative issue an order preserving the status quo to prevent prejudice to Lantern during protest review.
4. Direct production of the complete procurement record relating to Lantern's submission and the decision to exclude Lantern, including without limitation any internal communications, file notes, portal submission logs, and any materials that the State contends support a non-responsiveness or no responsibility position.

In the alternative, if the State contends it has a colorable basis to deem Lantern nonresponsive notwithstanding Lantern's proof of submission, Lantern requests that the Chief Procurement Officer order a uniform responsiveness review and require the State to apply the same cure or supplementation rules to all offerors equally, followed by an amended Intent to Award consistent with the solicitation.

Submitted by,

Zachary Highfield

Zachary Highfield
Lantern Residences, LLC
180 Spring Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Exhibit B

From: [Zach Highfield](#)
To: [Abney, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Protest-MMO](#); [Zach Mitchell](#)
Subject: [External] Re: SFAA/PPP RESPONSE: Solicitation No. 5400028914 – Notice of Intent to Protest and Records Request -
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 4:44:21 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you again for your continued communication regarding Lantern's participation in the PPP Transitional Housing solicitation. As discussed, Lantern does not wish to continue in a formal protest process any more than your office wishes to process one. Our goal remains the same as yours: to ensure that responsive providers are awarded and that services can begin without delay.

You indicated that Lantern's submission was missing several components, including two cover pages and a transportation policy. We are enclosing those materials here for your file, though it is our position that our original submission was fully responsive at the time it was submitted.

With that said, we understand from our prior conversations and written confirmation that PPP intends to award contracts to all responsive and responsible offerors. Now that you have confirmed receipt of the documents you identified, we believe Lantern should be treated consistently with the other vendors who were awarded beginning December 22–23.

Accordingly, we respectfully request written confirmation that Lantern will be included among the awardees and that a Notice of Intent to Award (or equivalent confirmation) will be issued to us. With that assurance, Lantern will be willing to withdraw its protest.

Please confirm receipt of these documents and advise on next steps. We can provide anything additional you may require immediately.

Thank you for your attention and professionalism as we work through this.

Sincerely,

Lantern Residences

On Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 7:25 PM Zach Highfield <zhighfield@lanternresidences.org> wrote:

This email is to memorialize our conversation earlier today. You contacted me to request that Lantern withdraw its protest of the award under the PPP Transitional Housing solicitation. During our discussion, you indicated that Lantern's bid remains under review, notwithstanding your statement that, according to your records, certain documents were missing at the time of the initial review.

You further stated that Lantern's submission could have been rejected during the initial review process due to those alleged deficiencies, but that you elected not to reject the submission at that time. We respectfully disagree with that characterization and maintain that Lantern's bid was fully responsive to the solicitation requirements.

I also raised concerns regarding timing and consistency in the award process. Specifically, I noted that other providers were awarded contracts on December 22, 2025, with an award date listed as December 23, 2025, despite having outstanding documentation at that time. By contrast, Lantern submitted its transportation policy on December 22, 2025—the same day the missing item was identified—yet was not included in the award list.

Additionally, you indicated that another potential factor impacting approval may have been the completion of an inspection pursuant to the contract requirements. In response, I noted that Lantern Residences had previously been approved as a vendor for PPP emergency housing funds and that Mr. Rob Cunningham visited and approved our facilities in 2025. This was shared to clarify Lantern's prior compliance history and familiarity with PPP requirements.

That said, I remain unclear as to the applicable timeline. My understanding is that all bids were to be reviewed and that the intent to award contracts was to be posted on December 22, 2025. Given that timeline, it is unclear how Lantern's bid can still be "under review" after the stated date for posting the intent to award.

Lastly, you explained that your supervisor requested that you reach out to provide Lantern with an opportunity to rescind its protest, based on the ongoing review status and the possibility of resolving outstanding items administratively. While we appreciate that outreach and your efforts to communicate directly, Lantern is new to this procurement process, and the applicable law imposes strict deadlines for protesting government contract awards. Failure to comply with those deadlines results in a waiver of protest rights. Accordingly, Lantern cannot withdraw its protest at this time.

We appreciate the communication, clarification, and opportunity to address these matters. Lantern Residences remains committed to full compliance and to working collaboratively with PPP to support individuals in need of transitional housing services. Please let us know if any additional information or documentation is required at this time. We are happy to respond promptly.

Thank you again for your time and professionalism.

On Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 4:22 PM Abney, Jennifer <jabney@mmo.sc.gov> wrote:

Mr. Highfield,

Please reference "SFAA/PPP Response emails" that include attachments for tracking purposes.

Information submitted by Lantern Residences, LLC is still pending final review by PPP; they

will determine if your response meets all requirements within the scope of work.

- SFAA will notify your company once the update from PPP has been received.

Thank you – jva

Jennifer V. Abney | Procurement Manager | Education & Law Enforcement Agency Sourcing

Division of Procurement Services | SC State Fiscal Accountability Authority

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From: Zach Highfield zhighfield@lanternresidences.org

Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 3:30 PM

To: Simmons, Tara tssimmons@mmo.sc.gov; Protest-MMO protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us; Abney, Jennifer jabney@mmo.sc.gov

Cc: Zach Mitchell zmitchell@lanternresidences.org

Subject: [External] Re: Solicitation No. 5400028914 – Notice of Intent to Protest and Records Request

Dear Ms. Abney

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me earlier. I do have additional questions regarding the absence of documentation and the explanation provided concerning the award process. For the moment, however, I will limit this follow-up to a single, threshold issue. You stated that “Fixed Price Bids typically do not have any ‘Evaluation’ documents, as award will be made to all responsive and responsible offerors per the solicitation.” That statement is accurate only if the award is, in fact, made to all responsive and responsible offerors. Lantern’s submission was fully responsive and met the requirements of the solicitation. Based on our conversation, it appeared that Lantern was expected to be included among the awardees. Accordingly, I need to confirm:

1. Was Lantern excluded from the award, and if so, on what basis?
2. Alternatively, does the State intend to issue an award to Lantern under this solicitation?

We would strongly prefer to avoid continuation of the protest process if this matter can be resolved through inclusion in the award. However, absent confirmation that Lantern will be awarded a contract, we cannot withdraw our protest, particularly given the statutory timelines involved. Because of those timelines, I would appreciate clarification by tomorrow so that we can determine

our next steps. Thank you for your attention. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Zachery Highfield

On Wed, Dec 24, 2025 at 11:41 Zach Highfield <zhighfield@lanternresidences.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Attached please find Lantern Residences, LLC's **Notice of Intent to Protest** and **Request for Procurement Records** regarding the Intent to Award for Solicitation No. 5400028914, Transitional Housing (PPP), posted December 23, 2025.

These documents are submitted pursuant to **S.C. Code Ann. §§ 11-35-4210 and 11-35-410**. Please confirm receipt and advise on any additional procedural requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
Zachery Highfield
CEO
Lantern Residences, LLC
843-670-3358
zhighfield@lanternresidences.org

Exhibit D

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
SFAA, DIV. OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
1201 MAIN STREET, SUITE 600
COLUMBIA SC 29201

Intent to Award

Posting Date: January 21, 2026

Solicitation: 5400028914

Description: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING _PPP

Agency: SC Probation, Parole, and Pardon Service

The State intends to award contract(s) noted below. Unless otherwise suspended or canceled, this document becomes the final Statement of Award effective **February 2, 2026**. Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the final statement of award serves as acceptance of your offer.

Contractor should not perform work on or incur any costs associated with the contract prior to the effective date of the contract. Contractor should not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the using governmental unit. The State assumes no liability for any expenses incurred prior to the effective date of the contract and issuance of a purchase order.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE COVERAGE TO BE FURNISHED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICES UNDER CONTRACT.

If you are aggrieved in connection with the award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-4210. To protest an award, you must (i) submit notice of your intent to protest within seven business days of the date the award notice is posted, and (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date the award notice is posted. Days are calculated as provided in Section 11-35-310(13). Both protests and notices of intent to protest must be in writing and must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided. See clause entitled "Protest-CPO". The grounds of the protest and the relief requested must be set forth with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided.

PROTEST - CPO - MMO ADDRESS: Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing

- (a) by email to protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us, or
- (b) by post or delivery to 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201

Contract Number: 4400038769

Awarded To: LANTERN RESIDENCES LLC (7000369588)
180 SPRING ST
CHARLESTON SC 29403

Maximum Contract Period: February 2, 2026 through February 1, 2031

Item	Description	Unit Price	Total
00002	Transitional Housing Services - P	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

Contract Number: 4400038790

Awarded To: NEXT STEPS TODAY INC (7000304589)
PO Box 1856
SIMPSONVILLE SC 29681

Maximum Contract Period: February 2, 2026 through February 1, 2031

Item	Description	Unit Price	Total
00001	Transitional Housing Services	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00

Contract Number: 4400038797

Awarded To: KINGDOM OVER CULTURE (7000384630)
870 NORTH HWY 11
WEST UNION SC 29696

Maximum Contract Period: February 02, 2026 through February 01, 2031

Item	Description	Unit Price	Total
00002	Transitional Housing Services - P	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00

Procurement Officer

JENNIFER ABNEY