

SANTA FE COLLEGE  
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Gainesville, FL 32606

OFFICE OF PURCHASING

DATE: March 27, 2023; 2:00 p.m.

TO: All Proposers

FROM: David Shlafer, Director of Purchasing & Auxiliary Services 

SUBJECT: Notice of Amended Award of ITB 12-23 (Two (2) Refurbished/Used Cardiovascular Sonography Ultrasound Systems)

Please be informed that this ITB is being amended to award the bid to Probo Medical, LLC rather than Concordance Healthcare Solutions for the reasons set forth below.

The original award notification deemed the bid of Probo Medical ("Probo") as non-responsive because all required submittals were not received as specified in the bid document. Probo timely protested this decision.

Subsequent to the protest, the College conducted a legal review to determine whether Probo's bid should have been deemed non-responsive. A bid should not be deemed nonresponsive when the omitted information is readily identifiable or when evidence shows there are alternative sources of the information. Bidders may be allowed to cure minor irregularities. Public policy discourages disqualifying the lowest bidder based on technicalities when they do not provide a competitive advantage to the low bidder.

The College has determined that Probo had submitted sufficient documentation with its bid to clearly identify all pertinent information, including the price of the goods. The bid was not materially at variance with the specifications in the invitation for bids, and the variations did not give Probo a substantial advantage over other bidders.

The College therefore reverses its earlier decision, hereby deems Probo's bid responsive, and awards the bid to Probo as the lowest bidder (see tabulation below).

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Probo Medical LLC	\$99,900.00
Concordance Healthcare Solutions	\$146,637.00
Blue Ox Medical Technologies	Non-Responsive (Submission did not meet minimum specifications.)

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes. This notice will be posted for review by interested parties for a period of 72 hours from the time indicated on this notice.

Thank you very much to the vendors who submitted a bid.