

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY  
202 ARBOR LAKE DRIVE  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29223**

**Intent to Award  
Posting Date: July 22, 2024**

This is a statement of intent to award a contract and becomes final **Thursday, August 1, 2024**, unless otherwise suspended or canceled. Vendors are cautioned not to begin work on the contract or incur any costs associated with the contract prior to the date for commencement of performance of the contract. The State assumes no liability for the expenses incurred by vendors prior to that date.

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

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.

**Solicitation: Provide Recordkeeping/Administration, Communication/Education Custodial Trustee Services and Investment Management Services for SC PEBA**

**Issue Date:** 01/23/2024

**Opening Date:** 03/18/2024

**Awarded To:** Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America  
8515 East Orchard Road  
Greenwood Village CO 80111

**Initial Contract Period:** January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027

**Maximum Contract Period:** January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029

**Administrative Fee:** \$26.00 per participant



**Georgia Gillens, CPPO, CPPB, NIGP-CPP  
Procurement Officer**