

Intent to Sole Source

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

March 11, 2025

In accordance with Section 11-35-1560(a) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, and Section 19-445.2015 of the SC Code of State Regulations, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College intends to enter into a sole source contract for: Technical Training Aids

Description of the Agency need that this procurement meets:

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is planning to procure a Pump Packing/Mechanical Seal Training System from Technical Training Aids. This trainer is designed to meet the needs of the IMT-223 class, particularly focusing on pump packing and mechanical seal maintenance skills. This will ensure that the training provided is directly applicable and relevant to the course material. OCTech industrial programs prepare students to be ready when they enter the workforce. The robust training lab manual provides detailed instructions and contains practical hands-on exercises that will ensure students have the skill set needed. The exercises are also versatile in that they can be used as an instructor-led course, or students can use the trainer for self-directed study. This trainer can also be used for NCCER module hands-on credentials. This versatility makes it a valuable investment, as it can serve multiple educational purposes and enhance the credentials of the students.

Description of market research Agency performed to determine the availability of products or services that would meet the Agency's needs.

In our market research, we have found that the DAC trainer is the only trainer that provided a comprehensive pump packing/mechanical seal trainer maintenance platform, which is needed to meet the curriculum of this program. No other vendors even offered a pump packing/mechanical seal specific trainer. Instructors will be able to teach a realistic training introduction to the fundamental of centrifugal pumps using industrial -grade components that mimic what the students will find on-the-job. In addition, the DAC trainer is the only trainer the College found available that will teach the students how to tear down, inspect and reassemble multiple different pump packing/mechanical seal configurations, as well as, teach troubleshooting skills.

Description of supplies, construction, information technology, and/or service Vendor will provide under the contract:

DAC Pump Packing/Mechanical Seal Training System

Detailed explanation why no other vendor's supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services will meet the needs of the Agency:

DAC Worldwide is the only manufacturer that can produce and supply the 280-PAC Pump Packing/Mechanical Seal training System Plus. DAC Worldwide uses exclusive distributors for each state, and for the state of South Carolina, Technical Training Aids is the only DAC Worldwide partner.

Please send questions or concerns via e-mail to Scarlet Geddings @ geddings@octech.edu for this Intent to Sole Source no later than 5:00 PM on March 18, 2025, EDT.

This notice will be posted in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) as required by SC Code 11-35-1560.

PROTESTS:

If you are aggrieved in connection with the intended award or 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 five (5) business days of the date this notice is posted, and (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date this 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. 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. Any protest or notice of intent to protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Information Technology Management Office, and submitted in writing

(a) by email to: protest-itmo@itmo.sc.gov, or

(b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.