

Intent to Sole Source

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

July 21, 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: Ellucian Intelligent Learning Platform.

Description of the agency need that this procurement fulfills:

This purchase is to add the Intelligent Learning Platform to the current Ellucian contract. Investing in Ellucian's Intelligent Learning Platform (ILP) will significantly enhance our academic operations by creating a seamless connection between our learning management and student information systems. This integration ensures that students receive timely updates on their courses and grades, while faculty benefit from reduced administrative overhead and improved data accuracy. ILP supports our strategic goals by enabling a more responsive, data-informed academic environment that fosters student engagement and institutional agility. Its implementation represents a forward-thinking step in strengthening our digital infrastructure and academic delivery. This will be a three-year contract to last from 8/1/25 – 7/31/28.

The College is currently using Ellucian Software as its main computer operating and communication system across campus. Ellucian was procured in 1999 by Request for Proposal completed by the Information Technology Office. The Colleague software consist of multiple integrated components – Student, Financial Aid, Finance, and Human Resources, which the College requires to maintain seamless functionality of its core business operations. The College is currently operating under a five-year contract period from July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2029.

Describe the Market Based on Research Performed:

As stated above, Ellucian Datatel was originally purchased in 1999 after an RFP was conducted by the State Procurement Office. The South Carolina Technical College System entered into a five-year renewal agreement with Ellucian in February 2024, titled Addendum 1 to the 2014 Master Agreement. This was made available to all participating College's to enter into a continued agreement with Ellucian. OCtech entered into the five-year agreement to take advantage of maximized cost savings. The purchase of the Intelligent Learning Platform is an addition to that contract. The ILP Platform is an Ellucian product that be compatible with the current software and integrate seamlessly to connect with existing data. Ellucian is the only vendor for his product.

Sole Source Vendor Name: Ellucian Corporation LLC

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

Intelligent Learning Platform

Explain why the described solution is the only solution that meets the agency's need and how no other identified solutions were sufficient.

Ellucian Company is the proprietary software vendor of OCtech's college-wide enterprise management system and the core Colleague product. Ellucian products are proprietary and fully integrated and Ellucian does not authorize any third-party reseller, implementation partners, or support vendors within the US. Continuing with Ellucian products ensures operational stability with uninterrupted access, compatibility and compliance.

Please send questions or concerns via e-mail to Scarlet Geddings @ geddings@ootech.edu for this Intent to Sole Source no later than 5:00 PM on July 28, 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.