

Intent to Sole Source

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

April 29, 2025

In accordance with Section 11-35-1560(a) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, and Section 19445.2015 of the SC Code of State Regulations, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College intends to enter into a sole source contract with KbPort.

Description of the Agency need that this procurement meets: Our nursing program suffers a shortage of specialty training facilities to do their practical skills in our service area. Therefore, it is necessary to supplement clinical hours with simulation. Simulation is an approved learning technique designed to replicate real-life situations. Per the SC Labor and Licensing Board - Nursing, a pre-licensure Nursing program may use simulation as a substitute for traditional clinical experiences, not to exceed 50% of its clinical hours for a given course/clinical specialty. OCtech purchased the current KbPort system as part of the construction project when the building was being built. This system was integrated in the clinical skills labs and learning areas during the construction project. It is used for the several instructional tasks: The KbPort Simplicity V7™ Automation integrates a recording and debriefing system to allow automated video recording for clinical encounters to be used for self-reflection, debriefing and training. There is also a solution for clinical skill learning encounters for training and assessment. A Central Command station offers centralized monitoring and administration of the sessions. This purchase will be an upgrade to the current system.

Description of market research Agency performed to determine the availability of products or services that would meet the Agency's needs. KbPort was purchased and implemented during construction of U building. We reached out to Dave Parks with KbPort about our support renewal options and found out we needed to upgrade the system due to the version we currently have will be End of Support Life (EOSL) in June 2025. This upgrade will enable the college to meet all network security requirements and will be in compliance with student privacy regulations. The cost of upgrade is a fraction of the cost of implementing a totally new system, which is not within budget constraints at this time.

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

KbPort Simplicity (V7) Lab Upgrade and Warranty

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

This purchase will be an upgrade to existing equipment. It is important to have consistency and continuity with current simulation equipment and existing IT equipment. KbPort's Simplicity Software Suite of products are the only data management products designed and licensed to integrate with KbPort capture technology. KbPort does not outsource installation or support, and they do not integrate with any other medical simulation systems. The upgrade of the current system is found to be the best course of action at this time for the College.

Please send questions or concerns via e-mail to Scarlet Geddings @ geddingss@octech.edu for this Intent to Sole Source no later than 5:00 PM on May 6, 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.

Official signed document on file in the Procurement Office

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