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Agency Identification: Trident Technical College (TTC)

Description of the agency need that this procurement fulfills:

TTC is a member of a consortium consisting of TTC, Clemson University Greenville Technical College, and Spartanburg Community College, that has been awarded a National Science Foundation Grant titled Revolutionizing Electric Vehicle Education (REVVED). The purpose of the grant is to strengthen workforce development and education for the electric vehicle (EV) industry by modernizing electric vehicle curricula and preparing a skilled workforce through innovative instructional methods and partnerships between academia and industry.

As part of this effort, the consortium has developed and is piloting a specialized EV curriculum, delivered through the SkilRedi online learning platform. The project has piloted a curriculum-based camp, and the curriculum is currently in advanced pilot phase. Summer camps to be scheduled for June-July 2026 are necessary to expand implementation of the curriculum and collect critical feedback for evaluation required by the grant award.

The summer camps offered in support of the REVVED project are funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) grant. These camps are not general STEM or EV program focused; they must specifically utilize the consortium-developed curriculum to meet NSF grant objectives, including validating curriculum effectiveness, scalability and long-term impact.

Describe the Market Based on Research Performed: TTC's Dean of The Manufacturing and Maintenance Division conducted on-line market research to identify providers for STEM or EV focused summer camps. While various vendors offer general STEM programming, no commercially available providers were identified that deliver the consortium-developed REVVED curriculum or that have access to the SkilRedi platform in its current pilot phase.

Sole Source Vendor Name Palmetto Partners for Science & Technology, 215 Press Way, Pendleton, SC 29670

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

Vendor will provide and administer summer camps in SC utilizing the consortium-based REVVED curriculum hosted on the SkilRedi platform. These camps will enable the consortium faculty to collect necessary data and participant feedback to support evaluation and refinement of the curriculum in alignment with NSF grant requirements.

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

The REVVED curriculum is currently in the pilot stage and is exclusively available through the SkilRedi learning platform. It is not commercially available for purchase, licensing or delivery by third-party vendors outside of authorized project partners. Palmetto Partners for Science & Technology (Palmetto), a non-profit, is currently the only identified vendor with authorized access to this pilot program curriculum. Palmetto successfully conducted the initial pilot summer camp and possessed demonstrated experience with delivery and management of similar STEM and workforce development programs aligned with technical education and industry

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workforce needs.

Due to the proprietary and restricted nature of the curriculum, along with the requirement to use it for NSF project evaluation purposes, Palmetto is the only vendor capable of meeting TTC's needs as they have successfully completed the initial pilot camp. Alternative vendors offering general STEM or EV programming do not satisfy the project-specific requirements.

Contract Period: June – July, 2026

Contract Amount: \$140,000 (est.)

Commodity Code 924

Required Signatures:

06/02/2026

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Contract \$50,000 or greater. Drug Free Workplace Act Form Yes No

Signed Drug Free Workplace Certification form attached: Yes No

Open Trade Certification Attached Yes No

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