

Notice of Intent to Sole Source

Posting Date: 04/15/19

It is the intention of Trident Technical College to sole source the procurement of:

ABB FlexTrainer Cart

List reasons why product is necessary and why specific vendor:

It is the intent of Trident Technical College to sole source two (2) ABB FlexTrainer Cart for use in Trident's Mechatronics program. Southern Educational Systems is the exclusive reseller of ABB FlexTrainer Cart products in South Carolina.

The ABB robot training system is designed exclusively for technical education and includes written curriculum and practical lab exercises. ABB provides the necessary training to the instructor to become certified. This educational product is only available for purchase by qualified technical educational institutions.

The Mechatronics program will serve the increased need for a trained workforce in the expanding advanced manufacturing and aviation sectors in the tri-county area including but not limited to Mercedes, Volvo, and Boeing. ABB equipment is currently used in the industries in Trident's tri-county service area. As Trident is training a local workforce, it is essential that the students be trained on the equipment being used in tri-county service area to provide them the best opportunity for employment in these new, local companies.

TTC currently has Kuka and Fanuc trainers and by purchasing the ABB FlexTrainer Cart will allow us to expand our training to equipment that is in use by local industry.

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