

JUSTIFICATION FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Sole Source Vendor: **Georgia Educational Solutions**
 6246 Rosecommon Drive
 Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

Based upon the following determination, Agency proposes to acquire the supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services described herein from the Vendor named above per S.C. Code Ann. §11-35-1560 and S.C. Regulation 19-445.2105, Sole Source Procurement.

Description of the Agency need that this procurement meets:

As a result of the continuing growth and the continual overhaul of Trident Technical College's (TTC) automotive program due to changes in technology and in order to meet the current needs of our students and the employers of the tri-county area, (TTC) will purchase a cutaway hybrid vehicle trainer. Purchase of a Toyota Prius Hybrid Drive Train trainer will enable the program to train students on the most up-do-date vehicle technology. The Toyota trainer is chosen for the following reasons:

TTC is training for the tri-county area and has a strong student apprenticeship program in this area. The local Toyota dealer in the area is the strongest supporter of the apprenticeship program for the automotive program and offers the largest number of apprenticeship slots for our students. Additionally, the local Toyota dealer has a strong presence in the tri-county area. It is beneficial to the apprenticeship students to train on the equipment that they will be working on in the field during their apprenticeship as it enables them to learn their jobs quickly and positions them advantageously in the hiring process for permanent positions.

The Cutaway hybrid vehicle trainers must include training materials and curriculum available for the instructors and students. As this is recent technology our faculty need already developed training materials to provide the knowledge base to assist them in preparing the curriculum for this new training component. Training materials provided with the trainer This will allow not only classroom instruction and lab instruction but the ability for students to apply the classroom/lab lecture to live hands on equipment as part of the live lab exercises. Students will have the opportunity to see firsthand the information learned in a classroom setting, and then have the ability to apply that information to the very same systems in a trainer format. The trainers must match current industry technology that mirrors an automobile but works as segments of the electrical system in a format that affords all students the opportunity to see and work with these applications.

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

The automotive program end user spoke by telephone with the only known industry manufacturers of similar trainers. From this research, at this time, ConsuLabs is the only manufacturer that includes the training materials, which they provide through a curriculum partnership with a publisher.

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

One (1) Cutaway Toyota Prius Hybrid Drive Train trainer, instructor and student curriculum, and online product training.

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

Georgia Educational Solutions is the sole authorized distributor for Consulab in South Carolina.

Date: 02/06/2023 TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Contract Period: One Time Purchase

Contract Amount: \$40,401.00 *CB Mary Thornley*
Mary Thornley, Ed. D.
President

Com. Code: 075

Blanket sole source: YES NO

Contract \$50,000 or greater. Drug Free Workplace Act (Section 44-107-30 Code of Laws of SC) applies:
 YES NO wgd Buyers Initials

Signed Drug Free Workplace Certification form attached:
 YES NO wgd Buyers Initials

Open Trade Certification on file or attached:
 YES NO wgd Buyers Initials

Federal Government Affidavit of Non-Debarment Certification on file or attached:
 YES NO wgd Buyers Initials