JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Sole Source Vendor:Garner Holt Education through Imagination, LLC1251 Research DrRedlands, CA 92374

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:

In order to advance Trident Technical College's (TTC) Mechatronics and Engineering's robotics program, TTC is adding the study of humanoid robots to the program to enhance the opportunities for TTC students to explore additional and creative pathways within the robotics industry. This will necessitate the procurement of equipment and training materials to provide instruction for this industry sector. Adding humanoid robotics to the standard robotics training currently offered will not only benefit the students but will also be a valuable recruiting tool which will enable the continued growth of the Mechatronics and Engineering program.

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

The end user performed online research to find instructional equipment and materials for the new addition to the program that included both the curriculum, professional education, and the mannequins in one package built specifically for educational institutions. The end user also contacted several vendors that offer training equipment to source the training materials. The end user found only one source that provided a complete training package to meet TTC's needs.

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

The AniMakerspace learning laboratory package consisting of forty-five (45) Animatronics Build Kits, (1) 10-Function Animatronic for Education, one (1) costuming mannequins, program design and consultation and lesson design.

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

Garner Holt is the sole provider of the AniMakerspace learning laboratory products.

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TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Contract Period: One Time Purchase

545

Contract Amount: \$107,499.00

Date:

Com. Code:

CB Mary Thornley

Mary Thornley, Ed. D. President

Blanket sole source: \Box YES \boxtimes NO

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

Signed Drug Free Workplace Certification form attached: \boxtimes YES \square NO \underline{wad} Buyers Initials

Open Trade Certification on file or attached: \boxtimes YES \square NO \underline{wgd} Buyers Initials