Intent to Sole Source

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
November 12, 2026

In accordance with Section 11-35-1560(a) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, and Section 19-445.2015 of the SC Code of State Regulations, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College intends to enter into a sole source contract for: Technical Training Aids

Description of the Agency need that this procurement meets:

As part of our efforts to meet the latest industry needs for a well-trained and knowledgeable work force, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College's (OCTC) Automotive Technology program is actively working to source the very latest in innovative training resources. The includes the need to enhance and improve the area of A1 Engine Repair as part of meeting ASE (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence) standards. More specifically, we require a quality, reliable solution for a series of hands-on hardware training that offers consistent and repeatable outcomes. The supplier needs to include complete curriculum materials, comprehensive training and ongoing support for the life of their products. Our current motive power training equipment supplier known as Consulab, in partnership with their sole source representatives at Georgia Educational Solutions, LLC (GES) can easily fill this need. As part of Consulab's training solution for A1 Engine Repair, they offer a proven EM145S-GM05 GM 1.8L Engine on a swivel stand, with starting station. This allows for a consistent, repeatable and scalable process for all training and instruction in engine repair, and builds skills transferable to a wide range of industry. Consulab provides a separate EM-145A-GM05 GM 1.8L Engine on swivel stand available in quantity to allow this scaling for multiple student teams working simultaneously.

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

We have contacted two other manufacturers: ATech and MegaTech for similar solutions. Neither company was able to offer a product comparable to this. From this research, currently, ConsuLabs is the only manufacturer that includes the training materials, provided through a curriculum partnership with a publisher.

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

Consulab's EM145S-GM05 GM 1.8L Engine on a swivel stand, with starting station EM-145A-GM05 GM 1.8L Engine on swivel stand includes a complete curriculum pack with full copyrights to reproduce as needed. Training and Familiarization via MS Teams with a Consulab Technical Expert in the field.

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

Consulab is the sole source exclusive manufacturer of innovative Automotive, Electric Vehicle and Heavy Vehicle training equipment, including their EM145S-GM0SGM 1.8L Engine on a swivel stand, with starting station for A1 Engine Repair. Georgia Educational Solutions is the sole authorized source for Consulab in South Carolina.

Learing tasks and outcomes from this resource include: Engine mechanical inspection prior to disassembly, and after assembly, Disassembly/Reassembly, Measurement and timing, Rear Main Seal service, and Flywheel service. Once reassembled, the engine is then coupled safely to the purpose-built EM-145A-GM05 Starting Station with everything needed to start, run and test the engine's operation and performance. Student teams can then rotate, as needed, through the single starting (test) station once their engine is ready, reducing the initial cost to implement the system.

Educational Advantages: Accessibility of engine components is enhanced by removing vehicles completely from the equation. Ability to check and verify proper engine systems operation before and after engine repair. Provides a single starting station that can be used by multiple engine stands. All rotating components are covered with safety shields to prevent injuries Continuity of subject matter is provided when students all work on identical engines Multiple ASE tasks (See -96 Instructor's Guide) in Engine Repair can be performed

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 November 19, 2026, 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.

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