

# **Intent to Sole Source**

## **Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College**

**April 15, 2024**

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: Zeiss DuraMax Coordinate Measuring Machine

### **Description of the Agency need that this procurement meets:**

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is in the process of upgrading the entire Machine Tool Technology classroom and lab space. The program will be moving to a larger building with the plans to expand the capabilities of hands-on training. A variety of new machinery brands are planned for the new labs. OCtech intends to purchase a Zeiss Duramax CMM from Carl Zeiss Industrial Metrology, LLC. These machines will be an addition to and compatible with other Zeiss equipment already in place. Both machines use the same Calypso software package that designed for academic programs and is already incorporated in the Machine Tool training curriculum. This addition will enable instructors to give hands-on lessons to multiple students using the same lesson on several machines. These are an addition to the training curriculum and will work together to simulate real-time experiences for the students.

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

The requested machine will provide additional training for our students. Furthermore, this Zeiss machine is also utilized in local industries – Zeus, Sundaram Clayton, and Delta Airlines, which have all made agreements to hire students from the Machine Tool Program. It is imperative to train the students on equipment that they will using in the workplace. When the upgrade is complete, the Machine Tool Program also hopes to attract an opportunity to provide additional services to local industry by offering classes for employee training. This would further enhance the need to have the same machines used in local businesses. The requested machine is only sold by Carl Zeiss Industrial Metrology.

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

Zeiss DuraMax Coordinate Measuring Machine

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

The college has found that Carl Zeiss Industrial Metrology is the exclusive authorized provider of Zeiss equipment. Sales, training, aftermarket care, and support and handled directly through Carl Zeiss Industrial Metrology, and they are the sole manufacturer of the DuraMax Coordinate Measuring Machine.

Please send questions or concerns via e-mail to Scarlet Geddings @ [geddings@octech.edu](mailto:geddings@octech.edu) for this Intent to Sole Source no later than 5:00 PM on April 24, 2024, 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](mailto:protest-itmo@itmo.sc.gov), or

(b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.