

## JUSTIFICATION FOR AWARD WITHOUT COMPETITION

(To be completed and submitted by the Office of Procurement)

Based upon the following determination, the proposed procurement action described below is being procured pursuant to the authority of Section 11-35-1560 of the SC Procurement Code and 19-445.2105 of the Rules and Regulations, 1976 SC Code of Laws.

**Why does the governmental body need this item or service:** (description of the agency need that this procurement meets):

Akindi's service provides faculty with a platform to assess students using bubble sheet exams. Exams can be scanned into Akindi's software using any scanner or mobile device. There is an LTI 1.3 integration that syncs student's grades with the LMS grade book.

**As a sole source procurement for \$** 74,000.00

**from** (name of sole source contractor): Akindi

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

Google, Procurement IQ and SAMGov was searched for market research to evaluate competing vendors and products. Many of these solutions provide similar functionality, however, none of them meet all of the essential requirements.

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

Vendor will provide under the contract: Akindi will provide the assessment platform for up to 25,000 individual sheets/exams per the contract year, and will also provide LMS integration, and ongoing troubleshooting and support.

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

There are several requirements that must be met to meet the needs of faculty. Again, there are many vendors that offer similar solutions, but through the research conducted, none of them could meet each of the requirements:

- a. Create custom bubble sheets
- b. Create multiple version of an exams.
- c. Use scanner to auto grade exams.
- d. Use a mobile device to auto grade exams
- e. LMS LTI 1.3 integration to push grades to LMS grade book.

In accordance with the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement section 11-35-1560 - Sole Source, the College of Charleston announced the intent to award without Competition. No protests were received.

Solicitation# 24-54-TET-SS-T5

Contract Expiration Date: 03/30/2029

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If this procurement is \$50,000 or greater, the Drug Free Workplace Act (§ 44-107-10, et Seq. Code of Laws of SC) applies, the acceptance of a Purchase Order signifies the Vendor certification that they are in compliance with the Drug Free Workplace Act.

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