

## 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):

The College needs a bridge that provides bi-directional data integration to streamline communications between the College's third-party data sources (Ellucian) and internal Student Information System (SIS).

**As a sole source procurement for \$** 100000 (5 yr Estimate) **from** (name of sole source contractor): SSD Technology Partners

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

Market research using Google and Gartner has found that there are no other software vendors that provide a single integrated system with the features and functions of Axiom. Further, SSD Technology Partners is the sole provider of Axiom Software. There are no resellers, distributors, or third-party providers of Axiom Software Products.

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

The Axiom Elite Data Management Hub is a bi-directional data integration software designed specifically for Higher Education. It's the bridge that streamlines communications between the College's third-party data sources (Ellucian) and internal Student Information System (SIS). This innovative Extract, Transform, Verify & Load (ETVL) tool collects, validates, and uploads data directly into your centralized database. Axiom partners with Ellucian, which integrates with Banner and other Ellucian products. Axiom is integrated into the College's student information system, which is utilized by both grads and undergrads.

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

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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# 25-94-SDM-SS-T5

Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2030

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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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