

**JUSTIFICATION FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

Agency: South Carolina Department of Education

Sole Source Vendor: PS Hummingbird Inc.

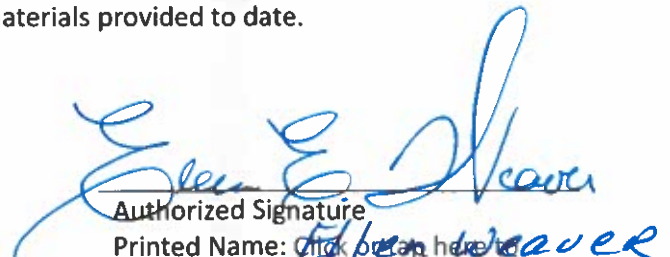
Based upon the following determination, Agency proposes to acquire the supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services described herein from the Vendor named above per S.C. Code Ann. §11-35-1560 and S.C. Regulation 19-445.2105, Sole Source Procurement.

Description of the Agency need that this procurement meets: Continuation and expansion of training initiatives focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the modern digital workplace. In addition to building foundational knowledge, the initiative will deliver targeted training on advanced AI concepts, practical applications, and responsible use within the agency's operations. This engagement will also support the expansion of the agency's use of Microsoft Azure and Power Platform, enabling staff to leverage cloud-based solutions and low-code tools for enhanced productivity, automation, and data-driven decision-making. Expertise will ensure that training is tailored to the unique needs of the agency, facilitating seamless integration of AI, Azure, and Power Platform technologies into daily workflows and strategic projects.

Description of market research Agency performed to determine the availability of products or services that would meet the Agency's needs: Direct vendor contact, internet research and conferences

Description of supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services Vendor will provide under the contract: Hummingbird will extend the previous training on the use of generative AI in the SCDE Microsoft environment.

Detailed explanation why no other vendor's supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services will meet the needs of the Agency: Hummingbird has done the foundational education in the use of Copilot within the South Carolina data infrastructure. They have a unique understanding of the context, use cases and existing relationships. Any other vendor would need to duplicate the work that has already been completed and regenerate the SCDE materials provided to date.


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Notes:

**Authorized signature is the agency head unless the agency head has delegated that authority.
Delegation of authority must be submitted to the Materials Management Officer in writing.**

The Agency must obtain a Drug-free Workplace certification from the Vendor if the sole source procurement is \$50,000 or greater.