

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Agency: Trident Technical College

Sole source Vendor: Ellucian Company, 2003 Edmund Halley Drive, Suite 500, Reston, VA 20191

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: Ellucian Intelligent Learning Platform (ILP) module.

Description of market research Agency performed to determine the availability of products or services that would meet the Agency's needs: Ellucian Company is the proprietary software vendor of TTC's college-wide enterprise management system. Ellucian is the sole source provider for the Colleague suite of products and the ongoing maintenance and support (and services) for those products.

Description of supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services Vendor will provide under the contract: Ellucian Intelligent Learning Platform (ILP) module.

Detailed explanation why no other vendor's supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services will meet the needs of the Agency: The current process of creating course shells for D2L (Brightspace) and managing student grades between Colleague and D2L is inefficient and cumbersome. The process is currently being done through a combination of manual and custom processes. Maintaining and upgrading integrations between systems burdens the IT staff, while faculty members are frequently frustrated by the need to enter student grades into two different applications. The Ellucian Intelligent Learning Platform is a single, easy-to-use platform that streamlines common teaching and learning tasks between administrative and learning management systems, making it easier for end users and institutions to seamlessly access data and manage information in real-time from within their administrative and academic systems. ILP provides APIs that enable real-time data-sync between applications. ILP Improves faculty experience and increases efficiency, fosters student success through streamlined processes and greater faculty interaction, and reduces burden and cost associated with the maintenance of point-to-point integrations. ILP eases IT burden and eliminates duplicative data entry through the real-time synchronization of data between Colleague and D2L. ILP synchronizes user, course, student enrollment, faculty assignment, academic term, and grade data. ILP also surfaces D2L data, assignments, calendar events, and notifications in Ellucian Mobile and Ellucian Portal via web services. The solution also supports standard single sign-on (SSO) authentication protocols and creates a unified user experience for faculty and student users. Ellucian is the sole source provider for the Colleague suite of products and the ongoing maintenance and support (and services) for those products including the ILP module, is only available from Ellucian directly.

Contract Period: 03/01/25 – 06/30/27

Contract Amount: \$100,898.00

Com Code: 208

Authorized Signature

Printed Name: Vicky Wood, Ph. D.

Title: President

Date: 02/12/25

Blanket sole source: ____ Yes X No

Contract \$50,000 or greater. Drug Free Workplace Act (Section 44-107-30 Code of Laws of SC) applies:

X Yes ____ No __JHO__ Buyers Initials

Signed Drug Free Workplace Certification form attached:

____ Yes X No __JHO__ Buyers Initials

Open Trade Certification on file or attached X Yes ____ No __JHO__ Buyers Initials

September 20, 2024

Joe Potter
Director of Enterprise Services
Trident Technical College
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Dear Mr. Potter:

We at Ellucian appreciate the opportunity to serve the technology requirements of Trident Technical College and look forward to continuing and strengthening our technology relationship in the coming years.

Ellucian does not currently maintain a service provider certification program, and Ellucian is the only authorized vendor to provide maintenance and support services for which it is the exclusive licensor of numerous software products for the higher education marketplace. These products, collectively referred to as the "Ellucian Software," includes Ellucian Intelligent Learning Platform. The Ellucian Software is fully developed, is integrated, and is licensed and maintained exclusively by Ellucian. Ellucian protects its intellectual property interests by carefully safeguarding distribution of the Ellucian Software, in whole or in part. Licensees are required to execute a license agreement pursuant to which the users, at an institution level, agree to use Ellucian Software only for the purpose of conducting in-house, non-commercial computing operations and further agree to limit use of Ellucian Software to those employees with a need to know.

The Ellucian Software is protected under the copyright laws of the United States and the trade secret laws of several states. Ellucian employs industry-standard measures, both legal and technical in nature, to protect the investment that licensees make in the Ellucian Software. Accordingly, Ellucian is also the only authorized provider of installation, customization, training and educational services for the Ellucian Software. We have no authorized services providers or distributors that provide the Ellucian-approved installation, customization, training and educational services in the United States.

We hope that this information assists Trident Technical College. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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Anna Hendricks
Account Executive