Based on the following determination, it is the intent of Piedmont Technical College (PTC) to proceed with the proposed procurement action described below pursuant to the authority of §11-35-1560 (A) of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, in accordance with Regulation 19-445.2105 (B)(5).

PTC intends to negotiate and procure a Sole Source Procurement from:

Ellucian
2003 Edmund Halley Drive, Suite 500
Reston, Virginia 20191

- Ellucian Experience Premium (1 year with 4 renewals)

Piedmont Technical College currently uses Ellucian Banner as its ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system for administration of our Student, Faculty, Course, Financial Aid, and Personnel data.

Ellucian is the only authorized vendor to provide maintenance and support services for its licensed products.

Piedmont Technical College believes this is the only vendor capable of providing this product with these characteristics. This notice of Intent to Sole Source is to determine the availability of alternate vendors capable of providing the products/services outlined herein.

**Estimated Value:** $>$10,000.00 but <$250,000.00

**Questions:** Shall be addressed to the e-mail address of the Procurement Officer indicated above. This notice will be posted in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter for five business days as required by §11-35-1560 of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code.

**Closing Date:** Alternate vendors capable of providing these products/services must respond by email to Brian K. McKenna, Procurement Manager, at mckenna.b@ptc.edu no later than 5:00 PM on March 22, 2024.

**PROTESTS (MAY 2019)** If you are aggrieved in connection with the intended award of this contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in §11-35-4210. To protest an intended award of a contract pursuant to §11-35-1560, you shall (i) notify the chief procurement officer in writing of your intent to protest within five (5) business days of the date this intent to award is posted, and (ii) if the appropriate chief procurement officer has been timely notified of your intent to protest, you may submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date this notice of intent to award is posted. Days are calculated as provided in §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 or (b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.

Unless otherwise suspended or cancelled, PTC will purchase these items. Contractor should not perform any work on or incur any costs associated with this notice prior to the receipt of a purchase order. PTC assumes no liability for any expenses incurred prior to issuance of a purchase order.

The Drug-Free Workplace certification must be obtained for Sole Source procurements greater than $50,000.00.
February 19, 2024

Brian McKenna  
Procurement Manager  
Piedmont Technical College  
620 N. Emerald Road  
Greenwood, SC  29648

Dear Mr. McKenna:

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

Ellucian does not 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, includes Ellucian Experience. 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 Piedmont Technical College as it considers its purchase of Ellucian Software. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call. Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anna Hendricks  
Account Executive