Notice of Intent to Award Sole Source

**Sole Source #:** SS-20002

**Posting Date:** April 24, 2020

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 award a Sole Source Procurement to:

WESCO
706A Garlington Rd
Greenville, SC 29615
(854) 286-123
Melissa Holder

- Twenty-Four (24) Siemens (SCE) PLC Trainer Packages
- Required peripherals: Cables, power supplies, and software licenses.

Siemens equipment is heavily used by manufacturers in the Piedmont Technical College service area and training on this equipment is what has been requested by local industry. The Siemens Cooperates with Education (SCE) program offers these trainers to qualified public education institutions at discounts from 20% - 90% from published commercial pricing.

These trainers have been specifically chosen for compatibility with the program’s existing equipment for interconnectivity and teaching consistency in the classroom. Instructors have extensive training and expertise on this equipment, and technical expertise is available locally. Siemens Industry Inc. is the sole originating source for these products. The Siemens representative listed above is the EXCLUSIVE Siemens distributor in our area. Piedmont Technical College believes this is the only vendor capable of providing these products/services.

**Questions:** Shall be addressed to the e-mail address of the Procurement Officer indicated above no later than 5:00 PM on May 01, 2020.

This notice will be posted in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) for five business days as required by §11-35-1560 of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code.

**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 issue a purchase order for these items on May 04, 2020. 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.
Subject: Siemens Automation Technologies for Education

Thanks for your interest in teaming with Siemens Cooperates with Education to help equip and jump start your classrooms. We appreciate your efforts to include Siemens’ global leading industrial controls in your curriculum. We hope to be a quality partner with your success and with these endeavors.

As a public education institution, Siemens has afforded access to these systems at discounts available only to qualified schools through our Siemens Cooperates with Education (SCE) program. These SCE program discounts reflect from 20% to 90% reductions from our published commercial pricing.

This correspondence is to indicate that the control systems and peripherals being considered are designed and built exclusively by Siemens Industry Inc. and as the manufacturer, we are the sole originating source for these products. With our automation products, Siemens elects to sell through our distributor partners who provide valued local support and services. Your local Siemens representative is identified below and they exclusively represent Siemens in our area. Working through our partner does not change your pricing which is established through our SCE program.

WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC
706A GARLINGTON RD
GREENVILLE, SC 29615-5435
Phone: (864) 286-1234 Fax: (864) 286-8796
center | directions

Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Best of regards,

Amanda Beaton

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