

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

A waiver from the competitive solicitation process may be granted when based upon operational compatibility with existing equipment, strong technological grounds, a unique and cost-effective feature requirement, or when it is clearly in the State's best interest.

1.) Contract Amount:\$

2.) Requested Supplier:

3.) Description of Item/Service:

Evisions Argos delivers the insights via data reporting tools that will help The Citadel make timely, better-informed decisions. Contract term is 3/1/24-6/30/27 with a TCO of \$215,647

4.) Establish the reasons The Citadel absolutely requires this specific Item/Service and the unique benefits that will be realized:

Argos is the only web based ad hoc access and report output tool designed for easy operation by end users, built specifically for Ellucian Banner clients and higher education. No other vendor makes a Banner-specific web-based reporting tool. Furthermore, there is no other product for Banner where the architecture and functionality are Banner-specific and that ties directly into the Banner security object. This provides unparalleled ease of use and security. Argos also has a cooperative of reports that allows institutions to quickly start using Argos with 200 Banner specific DataBlocks and reports, unlike any other web-based reporting tool. In addition to the tie-in to the Banner Security Object, Argos also has Insert/Update capabilities directly into Banner in which no other reporting tool is capable.

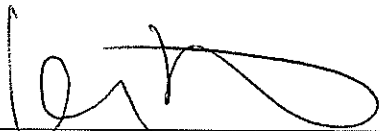
5.) Explanation as to why no other supplier can offer a comparable Item/Service:

Argos was internally developed, and is fully owned, by Evisions. The sales and distribution rights to the aforementioned product are controlled entirely by Evisions. Outside of Evisions, this solution may not be purchased through any other source. There is no other authorized provider of the support and product maintenance

Right to Protest: If you are aggrieved in connection with the intended award of this project you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-420 (1) South Carolina Code of Laws. Any intent to protest or actual protest must be submitted in writing to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office
(a) via email to protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov or
(b) vis USPS or any other carrier to 1201 Main St., Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201

I hereby certify that the above information is accurate and request that a waiver from the State mandated bidding process be approved for the procurement of the above stated equipment, commodity, or service.

Based on the determination above, the proposed procurement action described is being procured pursuant to the authority of Section 11-35-1560 of the South Carolina Procurement Code and 19-445.2105 of the Rules and Regulations, 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws.


SIGNATURE

February 15, 2024

DATE

Leonard Niebo
PRINT NAME OF DEPARTMENT HEAD

Information Technology Services
DEPARTMENT

FOR PROCUREMENT SERVICES USE ONLY	
APPROVED BY: _____ Director of Procurement Services	DATE: _____
APPROVED BY: _____ VP Finance & Business	DATE: _____
*VPFB signature only required for requests over \$100,000	

GUIDANCE:

Section 3; Provide a description of the item or service being requested with sufficient detail so that it is clear to the reviewer of this form what is being sought and the purpose it serves.

Section 4; Detail the specifics about the item or service and explain how it is uniquely positioned to meet the need at The Citadel. This section should address the role that will be played by the item/service and how it is positioned to be the only option that will work in this scenario. Factual evidence must be presented to substantiate why this is the sole item/service that will work.

Section 5; Cite the reasons why alternatives would not be acceptable and how comparable products or services from other suppliers could not meet the need. Also, include details about the market research that was performed to substantiate the sole source request. Detail the specific, quantifiable facts as to why this type of item/service cannot be purchased from any other supplier.

The Drug-free Work Place certification must be obtained for sole source procurements greater than \$50,000.