

**Sole Source
Written Determination**

Agency Identification: Greenville Technical College

Description of the agency need that this procurement fulfills: *(See instructions on last page for guidance)*

A partnership with 3M, Greenville County Schools and Greenville Technical College to purchase Mec Labs from Festo to increase utilization of the current units they have on site for Mechatronics students at Golden Strip Career Center. This will help more students gain more practical one on one training to help prepare for industry standards.

Describe the Market Based on Research Performed: *(See instructions on last page for guidance)*

Festo is the only company that can provide the equipment and licensing for the current equipment housed at Golden Strip Career Center. Software is used alongside the trainers and can be only used on FESTO equipment. Golden Strip already trainers on site. This was a donation through the foundation to help with the increase with class sizes at the Golden Strip Career Center and their new Maker Space lab. Formal Quote and Sole Source will be attached from Carolina Training Associates and FESTO. <https://stem.festo.com/us/en/products-courses/mechatronics/meclab/index.html>

Sole Source Vendor Name: Carolina Training Associates

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 SC Code Ann § 11-35-1560 and SC Regulation 19-445.2105, Sole Source Procurement.

Description of supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services vendor will provide under the contract: *(See instructions on last page for guidance.)*

Greenville Technical College will be receiving conveyor, stacker systems alongside air compressors for labs to operate. Students will have access to FluidSim Light/ Mec Lab V6 software to learn about different components of the trainers and run a simulation of the program before it runs in normal operation. There will be cables that will be provided for the trainers to connect to laptops that will run the software. Greenville Technical College will absorb ownership of the units and allow Greenville County Schools to use the equipment throughout the school year. Greenville Technical College will have access to these units in the summer to help with EEM-252 Programmable Logic Controllers classes that are being taught at night and IMT-131 Hydraulics and Pneumatics Classes during the day.

Explain why the described solution is the only solution that meets the agency's need and how no other identified solutions were sufficient. *(See instructions on last page for guidance)*

This helps meet the needs of the Mechatronics Program as the students who are attending Golden Strip Career Center can gain pertinent industry knowledge and use it when they follow the pathway to attend Greenville Technical College in the coming years. IMT-131 Hydraulics and Pneumatics is a course that students can take at the career center to get dual-enrollment credit.

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Note: Determination is not complete without required signatures and dates

Required Signatures:

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