



DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Sole Source No. _____ \$1.27 _____

I. AUTHORITY

Richland County School District One Procurement Code (RCSD1) Section 1560, Sole Source under the South Carolina Consolidated Code & Regulations 11-35-1560 Sole Source; public notice for contracts with a total potential value greater than **\$50,000**, without competition must be posted in South Carolina Business Opportunities at least **five (5) business day** before entering a contract. For contracts with a potential value greater than **\$250,000**, such notice must be posted at least **ten (10) days** before entering a contract.

II. MINIMUM NEED

School/Department: Safety and Emergency Services

Good or Service to be purchased: **Fire Alarm Maintenance and Support**

III. Total Cost: \$464,242.14

IV. FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE

Must be completed by Requesting Principal/Department Head

It has been determined that Johnson Controls is an authorized distributor and installer of the Simplex Grinnell, LP Board, and their pricing is deemed fair and reasonable.

IV. FACTS THAT JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

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The services to be provided have been deemed most advantageous to the district operations. The program is specifically written to meet the facility's operational requirements in accordance with the system installed. No educational manuals are available from which a third-party technician can qualify to field edit the program or operate the system as required to service or even test the system properly. The parts are not commercially available.

V. CERTIFICATION BY SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

6-29-26
Date

[Signature]
Principal/Department Head

VI. CERTIFICATION BY PROCUREMENT OFFICIAL

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this contract.

6-29-26
Date

Lauren Wise
Procurement Official

VII. CERTIFICATION BY SUPERINTENDENT OR CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

06/29/26

Date

Carolyn Leigh Hodges

Superintendent/Chief Procurement Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding. Under RCSD1 Procurement Code Section 4210 any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of contract shall protest within seven (7) business days of the date notification of aware is posted.

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