

Sole Source/Bid Waiver Justification

Below are the following Sole Source /Bid Waiver Criteria. If your purchase does meet any of the following criteria, please Sheila Johnson, District Director of Business and Procurement Services for further instruction via email at sjohnson3@ccc.edu or phone (312) 553-3336.

What is a Sole Source Procurement?

A "sole source" procurement can be defined as any contract entered into without a competitive process, based on a justification that only one known source exists or that only one single supplier can fulfill the requirement. Although states generally do not permit non-competitive procurements by statute, exceptions are allowed where competition is not feasible.

Examples of acceptable exceptions from the competitive procurement process may include:

- Only one known source exists for supplies of services or products as determined by documented research.
- No other reasonable alternative source exists that meets the CCC requirements.
- Only one source meets the business needs of the CCC (e.g., compatibility, unique feature to meet CCC's business need, etc.)
- Procurement of public utility services.

What's not a Sole Source Procurement?

- A CCC requirement for a particular proprietary product or service does not automatically justify a sole source procurement if there is more than one potential bidder or offeror for that item.
- A CCC preference for a brand name product does not justify a sole source procurement.
- A good's or service's "uniqueness" alone may not qualify the producer or supplier of the good or service as a sole provider of a good or service.

What are acceptable considerations for sole source procurements?

CCC reasons for sole sources vary greatly but should fall within the following:

- Only one known source that can provide the commodity or service.
- Unique source (commodity/service is unique/special in nature)
- Compatibility (e.g., a public safety CCC requiring a specific piece of equipment to be compatible with an existing equipment system)
- Limited or proprietary systems (i.e. additional licenses, updates, specialized replacement parts, etc.)
- A professional expert is requested.
- Sales territories or product availability within limited geographic boundaries.

Sole Source/Bid Waiver Justification Application

Name of Requestor: Lizz Gardner
 Department/School: Community and Continuing Education
 Project Title: ISACA Certifications

Email Address: egardner17@ccc.edu
 Bulletin or Reference Number: _____
 Vendor: ISACA

Value of Initial Term, or if a Renewal, Value of this Renewal: \$ \$76,000.00 Actual Estimated
 (Attach the proposal received)

Number of Potential/Remaining Renewals: 3

Length of Each Renewal in Months: 12

Value of All/Remaining Renewals: \$ \$228,000.00

Choose one of the following:

- New Sole Source
- Sole Source Renewal
- Change Order or Amendment to an Existing Sole Source

Provide a description of the supplies or services required: Launch two ISACA certification courses online, in a VILT (virtual instructor led) platform through Brightspace: Information Technology Center. ISACA will provide a robust curriculum, which includes both content and hands-on performance labs, as well as study guides and any other supplemental course material to support student learning. ISACA will provide qualified instructors to virtually lead the

Select the Type of Funding to be Used: Educational Funds Capital Funds Grant Funds
 Other (Explain): _____

This purchase is economically only available from a single source because it is:

- Art or Entertainment Services or Athletic Events
- Compatibility with Existing/current Equipment, Accessories, Replacement Parts or Service
- Critical Changes to the Existing Contract Are Necessary and Best Accomplished by the Original Contract Holder
- Federal/CCC Grant Requires Contract with Vendor (attach Grant Award Agreement)
- Item is Copyrighted or Patented and the Item is Only Available From the Holder – Copyright or Patent Number(s): _____
- Items Are Needed for Trial Use or Testing
- Media for Advertising
- Organization Memberships (Dues, Fees, Conference Charges Including Mandated Travel and Related Expenses)
- Public Utility Regulated Services
- Radio and Television Broadcast Rights
- Software License/Upgrade/Maintenance
- Other (Explain): ISACA is the OEM of these certifications and course curricula

Has CCC purchased these supplies/services in the past? Yes No

If yes, STARTING WITH THE MOST RECENT CONTRACT AND WORKING BACKWARD, for the entire relationship with this vendor for this supply or service, list each term, value, short description and type of procurement of each:

Term	Term From:	Term To:	Value	Description	Vendor Selection
One					
Two					
Three					
Four					
Five					
Six					
Seven					
Eight					
Nine					
Ten					

If more than 10 years, explain: _____

Business Rationale

1. Provide a detailed explanation of the need for the supplies or services: Lucrative careers in information technology (IT) are bright, but women, Black, Latinx.
2. What are the unique features of the supplies or services that are not available in any other product or by any other vendor? Provide specific, quantifiable factors/qualifications: ISACA is the OEM of ISACA certifications.
MXC will partner with ISACA to develop a smooth implementation of VILT program for ITCA and CET certifications. MXC will provide the Learning Management System, Brightspace, to serve as the platform for course delivery. ISAC
3. If professional services, what are the unique qualifications this vendor possesses? Provide specific, measurable factors/qualifications: N/A
4. Were alternative supplies or services evaluated? Yes No If yes, what were they and why were they unacceptable? Please be specific with regard to features, characteristics, requirements, capabilities and compatibility: N/A
 - b. If no, why were alternatives not evaluated? ISACA is the actual certifying body.
5. What efforts were made to get the best possible price? CCC worked closely with VP of Strategic Partnerships/Business Development to develop this discount structure. • IT
6. Will this purchase obligate the CCC to this vendor for future purchases such as maintenance, licensing or continuing need? Yes No
 - a. If yes, please provide details regarding future obligations and/or needs: N/A
7. Why is the price for this purchase considered to be fair and reasonable? _____
1) Significant discount offered for Malcolm X College and 2) IT certification prep courses can run \$1K-\$5K on the consumer side. This discount allows us to offer the courses at a more accessible rate for our students.
8. If this is a renewal, describe why circumstances are such that competitive selection is still not an alternative since awarding the original contract: N/A
9. What will be the financial or other impact to the CCC if this sole source is not approved and a competitive bid is required? IREPO funds will not be spent appropriately. CCC will not be able to offer ISACA certifications.

Department/College Representative Signature Required

I know and understand the contents of this Sole Source /Bid Waiver Justification and attest that all statements are true and correct.

<p><small>Lizz Gardner</small> <small>Digitally signed by Lizz Gardner</small> <small>Date: 2021.12.16 11:53:06-0700</small></p> <p>_____ Department/College Representative Signature</p>	<p><small>Lizz Gardner</small></p> <p>_____ Printed Name</p>	<p><small>11.22.2021</small></p> <p>_____ Date</p>
<p>_____ Department/College Representative Signature</p> <p><small>VC/ College President Signature</small></p>	<p><i>David A Sanders</i></p> <p>_____ Printed Name</p>	<p><i>12/17/2021</i></p> <p>_____ Date</p>

CPO Approval and Signature Required
