

	<b>Piedmont Technical College</b>  <b>NOTICE OF INTENT TO SOLE SOURCE</b>	Sole Source # Date Issued <b>Closing Date</b> Procurement Officer Phone E-Mail Address	SS-25005 02/03/2025 <b>02/10/2025</b> Brian K. McKenna (864) 941-8314 <a href="mailto:mckenna.b@ptc.edu">mckenna.b@ptc.edu</a>
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**Solicitation #:** SS-25005  
**Posting Date:** February 03, 2025

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 negotiate and procure a Sole Source Procurement from:

**ABB Robotics**  
**1250 Brown Rd.**  
**Auburn Hills, MI 48326**

- One (1) ABB GoFa Material Handling Robot STEM Education Cell Package

The GoFA Robot is required to meet the needs of local industry standards and supports our academic curriculum and education training requirements. This equipment aligns with our current inventory and is required to maintain continuity of instruction in the classroom. ABB, Inc. is the Sole Source manufacturer of ABB’s GoFa Material Handling Robots in the marketplace.

Piedmont Technical College believes this is the only vendor capable of providing this product with these characteristics. This notice of Intent to Sole Source is to determine the availability of alternate vendors capable of providing the products/services outlined herein.

**Estimated Value:** \$ >\$25,000 but <\$50,000.

**Questions:** Shall be addressed to the **e-mail address** of the Procurement Officer indicated above. This notice will be posted in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter for five business days as required by §11-35-1560 of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code.

**Closing Date:** Alternate vendors capable of providing these products/services must respond by email to Brian K. McKenna, Procurement Manager, at [mckenna.b@ptc.edu](mailto:mckenna.b@ptc.edu) no later than 5:00 PM on February 10, 2025.

**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, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing (a) by email to: [protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov](mailto:protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov) or (b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.

Unless otherwise suspended or cancelled, PTC will purchase these items. 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.

**The Drug-Free Workplace certification must be obtained for Sole Source procurements greater than \$50,000.00.**



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Jason White  
Piedmont Technical College  
620 North Emerald Rd  
Greenwood, SC 29646  
[White.Ja@ptc.edu](mailto:White.Ja@ptc.edu)

December 13, 2024

Dear Mr. Jason White,

Thank you for your interest in ABB's products and services and the opportunity to provide you with the ABB GoFa Material Handling STEM Education Cell Package.

ABB is the only manufacturer of the ABB GoFa Material Handling STEM Education Cell Package.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Christelle Keefer

**Christelle Keefer**  
Global Business Development Manager – GI-Education  
Robotics Business Unit  
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**JUSTIFICATION FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST**

Based upon the following determination, the proposed procurement action described below 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.

(1) Piedmont Technical College proposes to negotiate and procure:  
Several ABB GOFA collaborative robots

(2) As a Sole Source procurement from:  
ABB Robotics, Auburn Hills Michigan

(3) On the basis of:  
They are the manufacturer and distributor of the educational package.

Piedmont Technical College believes this is the only vendor capable of providing these products/services.

Jason White	<b>Jason White</b> <small>Digitally signed by Jason White DN: cn=Jason White, gn=Jason White, c=US, United States =US United States =us, email=jaw@ptc.edu Reason: I am the author of the document Location: Date: 2024.04.10 16:14:04.00</small>	4/10/2024
REQUESTOR	SIGNATURE	DATE
Christina M. Knight	<b>Christina M. Knight</b> <small>Digitally signed by Christina M. Knight DN: cn=Christina M. Knight, gn=Christina M. Knight, c=US, United States =US United States =us, email=cmknight@ptc.edu Reason: I am the author of the document Location: Date: 2024.04.11 15:51:09.00</small>	4/11/2024
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V.P. BUSINESS/FINANCE OR PRESIDENT	SIGNATURE	DATE

- NOTES:
- (1) Enter description of goods or services to be procured.
  - (2) Enter name of sole source contractor.
  - (3) Enter the determination and basis for sole source procurement.

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