SINGLE SOURCE CERTIFICATION

DATE: 09/15/2022

Authority is requested to make the following purchase under the provision of USF System Regulation USF4.02010(IV)(A)(2)(b) as a non-competitive purchase available from only one source.

ITEM(S): 3 GPU compute servers

PRICE: $ 139864.14

FUND #: 20000-210800-000000-0000000-3910101603

VENDOR ID: 0000090129

REQUISITION#: 7140203

VENDOR NAME: AMAX

PURCHASE ORDER #:

FEDERAL GRANT: ☐ Y ☑ N

Describe the equipment, commodity or contractual service and how it is to be used. Provide the justification for the single source (note price cannot be used for justification). Attach additional pages if necessary. The Justification should describe in lay language. The service/commodity and its intended use, The reasons the item is not subject to competition from other sources, The necessity for purchase, and why only this service/commodity has unique features or qualities that will accomplish the required needs of the buyer.

This equipment will join an existing computing cluster (GAIVI) with over twenty similar GPU compute nodes that run 24x7, providing essential academic and research services to our department that involve active grants and a variety of courses across our four majors, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity, and Information Technology. All of these servers and additional computing infrastructure have been built and configured by AMAX (a single vendor) to guarantee high levels of performance, reliability, and the availability of computing services and technical support, that are critical to support the department's research and academic functions. The possible inclusion of GPU servers from other vendors will break the tight integration of services across the entire computing cluster and severely limit or disrupt the services and functionalities currently provided, with a direct negative impact to students and faculty.

Marbin Pazos Revilla   09/15/2022

DocuSigned by:
Brieanne Matier
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Purchasing Agent   **Date**   **Approved by:**   **Date**
Authority: USF4.02010(IV)(A)(2)(b)

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