

# SINGLE SOURCE CERTIFICATION

**DATE:** 11/22/2022

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):** Hack The Box Cybersecurity Services

**PRICE:** \$ 213,333.33 **FUND #:** 20000 63110 210800 000000 0000000  
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**VENDOR ID:** 0000096571 **REQUISITION#:** 7743346

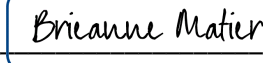
**VENDOR NAME:** Hack the Box **PURCHASE ORDER #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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.*

Hack the Box provides cybersecurity training products and services and includes Pwnbox alleviating the need for every student to have a device with all the cybersecurity tools required, it also provides dedicated labs during the instructions and professional lab environments pre-loaded with vulnerabilities scenarios in safe cloud environment for studnets to test. In addition HTB includes hosting of two annual Capture the Flag events, a cyber-range BattleGrounds where our students and CSE Whitehatters Cybersecurity Club members can participate and learn cybersecurity skills needed for certifications in areas like penetration testing, reverse engineering, software security, and others, which will help them succeed in local, state, and national cybersecurity competitions and prepare them for joining the cybersecurity workforce. During a brief period of time we have used these services have already proven to be critical in these aspects as the Whitehatters security club have achieved high rankings in several competitions, and students in Capture the Flag have seen increased level of engagement with the brief experience of using HTB. For these reasons we intend to expand its use to various other courses in the department and extend its use. Other vendors like Simspace and Ciberbit provide a cyberrange, and learning path with a lesser degree of customization and flexibility, considerably higher cost, without any Capture the Flag cybersecurity events.

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