

SINGLE SOURCE CERTIFICATION

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. By submitting this form, department acknowledges that existing [exemptions](#) will not apply to this purchase. Single source requests exceeding \$150,000 must be signed by a Procurement Director and posted publicly for (3) business days.

DATE: 11/28/23

ITEM(S): Software for production of customized data visualizations

PRICE: \$ 300,000 FUND #: 18300

SUPPLIER ID: 0000098975 REQUISITION#: _____

SUPPLIER NAME: ALLIES AGAINST SLAVERY

FEDERAL GRANT: Y N

In your words, describe the equipment, commodity, or contractual service. Explain how these specifications are essential to the accomplishment of your work:

The vendor will provide customized data visualizations from Florida statewide aggregated and anonymized data related to human trafficking collected by the USF Trafficking in Persons Research lab. The software was specifically developed to better understand the prevalence and patterns of human trafficking as well as the service needs of human trafficking survivors. Allies Against Slavery will also consult with us in organizing and presenting the visualizations created based on their experience, providing data visualizations of the human trafficking problem and response for the State of Texas and Louisiana. Moreover, this vendor is also providing us with a well-established template of data to collect and methods for reducing redundancy during data aggregation. This software makes a high-quality, customized visualization of human trafficking across Florida, fulfilling the Lab's expectations outlined in Senate Bill 7064.

In your own words, describe the reason(s) the item is not subject to competition from other sources and how the stated specification(s) restrict the requisition to only one supplier. Description may include unique features/compatibility/specifications/availability/delivery time frame etc. (Note: Price is not a valid reason).

The vendor is most appropriate because it provides services uniquely specific to our project objective of creating a statewide human trafficking database and disseminating findings. Our needs are distinct in nature. Allies Against Slavery is the sole vendor that adequately addresses data visualization and reporting of statewide human trafficking data. Moreover, this vendor has over five years of experience implementing the software, allowing for increased efficacy as we implement the software in Florida. During our search for the service and technology provided by this vendor, we found that this vendor is the only one that can provide the service we require.

In your own words, describe the due diligence conducted to validate this supplier as Single Source. Description SHOULD list all other suppliers with item(s)/service(s) with similar functions, your efforts to identify other suppliers, and why these suppliers would not qualify to submit a competitive quote.

We searched for an appropriate vendor for several months. Other vendors could develop similar software, but none had experience with human trafficking-related data. For example, PVMIT was well-established in data management services but did not understand the context of what constitutes "human trafficking-related" data. Further, PVM did not offer guidance or partnership in creating the database at the level of Allies Against Slavery. In addition, PVMIT needed six months to consult with us to design and develop the required software, creating a substantial delay in the project timeline outlined in Senate Bill 7064. When the TIP Lab's faculty, partners, and advisors were presented with the PVM and Allies Against Slavery services, there was unanimous agreement that Allies Against Slavery was the superior choice based on addressing our needs in the most timely and effective manner.

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