

## 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 \$75,000 must be signed by a Procurement Director and posted publicly for (3) business days.

DATE: 07/20/2023

ITEM(S): GPU Server and InfiniBand switch

PRICE: \$ 85592.91 FUND #: TPA 20000 63110 210800 000000 0000000 GRT01 3910101603-BUDGET

SUPPLIER ID: 0000090129 REQUISITION#: 9676788

SUPPLIER NAME: Amax Engineering

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:**

This GPU server and switch will provide critical compute and connectivity resources for Machine Learning research in Computer Vision, smart healthcare, IoT networks, and other research areas, as part of the GAIVI HPC cluster.

**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).**

This item is provided with AMAX certification and specifications meeting capacity, latency, and communication requirements to work optimally in conjunction with over 30 AMAX compute nodes currently functioning as part of our HPC cluster.

**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.**

Suppliers and manufacturers of servers like Dell, HP, and CDW, provide products that are bundled with other services and specifications that do not meet the same level of integration with the department's computing cluster as the server provided by AMAX.

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*Clifton James*  
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**Approved By (Procurement)**

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