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Sole Source Request

1. Name of Department and Requestor: Mario Leal
2. Vendor Name: LEARN: Lonestar Education and Research Network
3. Describe Item/Service to be procured: Regional connector for Internet 2 for research and education.
4. State why no other item/service can perform the same function(s): LEARN is a consortium of approximately 41 organizations throughout Texas which includes public and private institutions of higher education, K-12 schools, community colleges and the National Weather Service, created as a nonprofit corporation generally for the purpose of operating a fiber optic network for research and education for use by and for the benefit of higher education and affiliated entities in the State of Texas. The LEARN consortium connects these organizations together, along with over 300 affiliated organizations, utilizing high-performance optical and packet-based network services, applications and other technologies, to support their research, education, healthcare and public service mission. LEARN is also part of a national community of regional optical networks, and provides Texas connectivity to the national and international research and education networks.
5. Indicate unique design/performance feature(s) of the item/service that are essential to your requirements: See #4.
6. List any other vendor with a same or similar product: None, LEARN is the only regional connector available to us.
7. Indicate what other suppliers/users were contacted and why competing item/service is not satisfactory: None.
8. Reason for Sole Source Request
 - i. A. Compatibility of equipment, accessories, or replacement parts
 - ii. B. Competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies.
 - iii. C. Film, manuscripts, or books from publisher
 - iv. D. State contract, cooperative purchasing agreement
 - v. E. Other (Please describe condition)
9. I certify that a sole source procurement exists

A. Requesting Person

Mario A. Leal, Jr.

05/22/2024

(Signature and Date)

B. Budget Authority

(Signature and Date)

C. Next Level of Authority

Stephen M. Benson

05/22/2024

(Signature and Date)

Attach manufacturer's sole source statement and other supporting documentation and submit this form and documentation to the Purchasing Department.

Purchasing/Business Office comments: Because LEARN is the only regional connector for internet2 that is available to us, I agree this qualifies as a sole source procurement. Jodi Tindell







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