

Notice of Intent to Sole Source

Posting Date: June 8, 2017

Francis Marion University seeks to sole source the procurement of lockdown browser service and online proctoring monitor service for application University wide.

Current situation:

Francis Marion University has the need for a browser lockdown; this is crucial to preventing students from accessing alternate websites (for cheating) during online testing. The University also has the need for an online proctoring service which is necessary to prevent additional forms of cheating (accessing hand written notes, handheld devices, etc.). Each of these services need to be completely capable of integrating with our Blackboard Learning Management System. It is of utmost importance that these two items be sourced from the same vendor - sourcing from separate vendors would demand that our Information Technology team both develop a program to allow the browser lockdown and the proctoring service to work in unison, and provide support to maintain said program. Our IT team is not in a position to allocate the necessary amount of resources to maintain these two items if sourced from separate vendors.

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Francis Marion University has researched to identify limited options for vendors providing the browser lockdown service in tandem with the online proctor monitoring service. FMU has found that only Respondus provides these services within the budgetary limitations of the University.

Company Specifics:

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Contact deadline: June 26, 2017 2:00 PM EST

Unless additional pertinent information is forthcoming, Award will be posted at the following physical address and website address on or around June 29, 2017:

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