

**JUSTIFICATION FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

Agency: SC Dept of Labor, License and Regulation, Division of Fire and Life Safety (State Fire Academy)

Sole Source Vendor: Sun Coast Resources, LLC


Based upon the following determination, Agency proposes to acquire the supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services described herein from the Vendor named above per S.C. Code Ann. §11-35-1560 and S.C. Regulation 19-445.2105, Sole Source Procurement.

Description of the Agency need that this procurement meets: The SC Fire Academy (SCFA) provides specialized live firefighter training for the use of fighting fires at airports in which the continual use of flammable liquid is required.

Description of market research Agency performed to determine the availability of products or services that would meet the Agency's needs: Based on a Firefighting Training Fuel Comparative Evaluation by the US Dept. of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration, the Tek-Flame product showed lowest output and the most rapid dissipation of smoke produced by the burning fuels used for training purposes. Data from three (3) lab tests demonstrated that the Tek-Flame product met the highest standards in regard to smoke density testing.

Description of supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services Vendor will provide under the contract: Tekflame fuel. Tek-Flame is manufactured by Exxon Chemical company and blended/distributed by Sun Coast Resources LLC.

Detailed explanation why no other vendor's supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services will meet the needs of the Agency: This product is unique in that it is the only product that meets the high caliber of standards as set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) relative to the safety of both firefighter trainees and the safety of the citizens of our state. The SCFA has determined that in an effort to reduce the environmental impact of live firefighter training and to assist in meeting the requirements of the EPA, no other fuel source is suitable or acceptable to meet the need. Sun Coast Resources, LLC. is the sole distributor of the Tek-Flame fuel.

 06/17/2024  
Authorized Signature  
Printed Name: Brittany Hammond  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
Date: June 17, 2024

**Notes:**

**Authorized signature is the agency head unless the agency head has delegated that authority.  
Delegation of authority must be submitted to the Materials Management Officer in writing.**

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State Fiscal Accountability Authority

8/9/2021

**The Agency must obtain a Drug-free Workplace certification from the Vendor if the sole source procurement is \$50,000 or greater.**