

Vendor Name	Product/Service	Posting Start Date	Posting End Date	Buyer's Initials
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	<p>developed by Project Lead the Way, Inc. PLTW has reviewed the items within the customary parameters justifying sole source designations, including but not limited to unavailability from another authorized source; compatibility or interchangeability with the PLTW program/ curriculum, designated software, or other equipment or goods; unique features, functions or capabilities of the product that distinguishes it with respect to program requirements and functionality; and unavailability of other products due to performance specifications or requirements. The sole source designations have been based on a determination that there is only one source that can provide the item based on these factors as applied to the unique program and curricular requirements necessary to the PLTW program. Becoming a certified Project Lead the Way, Inc., ("PLTW"), instructor is a foundational component required prior to successful implementation of a PLTW Program. PLTW offers both in-person and online professional development training opportunities to educators seeking to become eligible to teach a PLTW course. PLTW is providing this letter to document the sole source designation for PLTW Professional Development offered by Project Lead the Way, Inc. The sole source designation has been based on a determination that there is only one source that can provide the professional development training based on the unique program and curricular requirements necessary to the PL TW program.</p> <p>The school district is committed to provide STEM education to students VPK -12. Project Lead the Way has provided the curriculum for these programs to the schools for a long time. These programs include Engineering Bio-Medical, Robotics, and Energy.</p> <p>The programs and curriculum that PLTW provides is aligned with</p>			
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	<p>the FLDOE standards and with the school districts strategic plan to increase acceleration. The district has classrooms and equipment already established that aligns with the curriculum. Students are already immersed in the PLTW curriculum and pathways, changing in the middle could cause a disruption in instruction. If PLTW was no longer offered, the district would need to create their own curriculum or decide to create different pathways to provide STEM education. This would be a massive undertaking for all the programs that we offer. This effort would be extremely time consuming and costly.</p>			
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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PURCHASING
REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE APPROVAL

The School District of Osceola County is bound by School Board policy to an open and competitive bidding process. To enforce this, the use of proprietary specifications and/or Sole Source purchases are normally not allowed. However, in some circumstances they may be justified, but there are a number of tests that must be passed first.

This is a Sole Source request for [list product or service]: Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Program

curricula, PLTW Prof. Development/Training, equipment & supplies as noted in the PLTW store.

Supplier: Project Lead The Way, Inc. (PLTW)

Supplier's full address: 5939 Castle Creek Parkway North Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250

Supplier's contact person: PLTW Solution Center

Supplier's phone #: (317) 669-0200

In order to consider any request for Sole Source status, the following must be completed and submitted with the request:

1. Sole Source Letter from the supplier.
2. Cut Sheets and Specifications.
3. Written justification, to include responses to the following questions:
 - a. Is there truly only one vendor who is able to furnish the product or service? Does the supplier possess exclusive capabilities? What are they? Provide verifiable information.
 - b. Is there a lack of responsive competition for the product or service? Why? How have you verified this?
 - c. Is the product or service vital to the District? Why/How?
 - d. Is the product or service unique and easily established as one-of-a-kind? Why/How?
 - e. Can requirements be modified so that competitive products or services be used?
 - f. What would the user agency do if the product or service were discontinued?
 - g. Are there patented or proprietary rights that fully demonstrate:
 - i. A feature providing a superior utility not obtainable from similar products.
 - ii. Product availability from only one prime source and not merchandised through wholesalers, jobbers or retailers where competition could be encouraged?

The Purchasing Department will review the request and all the supporting information and make a determination. Sole Source requests, if accepted and approved, which have a dollar value exceeding the formal bid threshold may be submitted to the School Board for review and final, formal approval.

STATEMENT OF NEED: As requester, my recommendation for Sole Source is based upon an objective review of the product/service being required and appears to be in the best interest of the District. I know of no conflict of interest on my part or involved in any way with this request. No gratuities or favors have been accepted or have had any influence on my request to Sole Source this purchase.

Signature of Requester/Supervisor: _____ Date _____

Signature of Principal/Director:  Date _____
Timothy Burdette (Apr 29, 2025 10:19 EDT)

☐ Approved ☐ Not approved

Purchasing Dept. Signature: _____ Date _____




SOLE SOURCE FORM PDF

Final Audit Report

2025-04-29

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Sincerely,

Project Lead The Way, Inc.

Matt Cohen
Vice President of Business Operations
Project Lead The Way, Inc.
www.pltw.org

State of Indiana
County of Marion

The foregoing document was acknowledged before me on this 2nd day of January, 2025.

Sara SchlienZ, Notary Public
My commission expires June 20, 2025





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