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SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION

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Date of Request: 8/20/2024

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Proposed Vendor: William & Ida Friday Institute for Educational Innovation

Proposed Term: One (1) year

Estimated Spend: \$120,000.00

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Description of Products / Services to be procured

Part of the mission of the William and Ida Friday Institute for Education Innovation at North Carolina State University is to advance K-12 education through innovation in teaching, learning, and leadership.

The work of the Friday Institute is not limited to North Carolina, they have worked with national groups including The International Society for Technology in Education, The Consortium for School Networking and the State Educational Technology Directors Association. The Institute recently published a blog posting on K-12 perspectives on the AI Bill of Rights. The Friday Institute is uniquely qualified to assist in developing, writing, and publishing guidance for New Mexico schools on use of AI in the classroom.

Basis for Sole Source Request

The Friday Institute is the only source of the institute's products and services for educators and educational leaders to leverage AI for deeper learning, support teachers and students in effective uses of AI, ensure equity in how AI is incorporated into education and conduct research on AI integration in instruction.

- 1) Write a state-wide AI guidance document in collaboration with North Carolina Department Public Instruction
- 2) Experience with state-wide convenings of educational leaders on AI guidance (we can learn from them)
- 3) Developed a resource library on topics around technology in education, including AI
- 4) New Mexico would benefit from the resource library and contribute to the national conversation around AI
- 5) High degree of collaboration between Friday Institute and New Mexico State University

Requestor Signature: 

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