

**Sole Source  
Written Determination - Instructions**

**Agency Identification:** South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE)

**Description of the agency need that this procurement fulfills:** *(See instructions on last page for guidance)*

The SCDE is committed to three years of participation in federally approved consortia. This procurement fulfills Year 3 dues, travel, and activities for the Identification & Recruitment Consortium (IDRC) and Innovative Strategies for OSY and Secondary Youth (iSOSY).

**Describe the Market Based on Research Performed:** *(See instructions on last page for guidance)*

In accordance with Title I, Part C §1303(e) of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) authorizes specific consortia and, subsequently, consortium incentive grants for states' participation in the sole consortia for which they are approved. Given the federal law and regulations surrounding SCDE's Title I, Part C consortia arrangements as approved by the Secretary, no other consortia exist for comparative analyses or market research.

**Sole Source Vendor Name:** Institute for the Development of Educational Advancement (IDEA)

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

**Description of supplies, construction, information technology, and/or services vendor will provide under the contract:** *(See instructions on last page for guidance.)*


These consortia will provide technical assistance, tools and resources, state-specific program evaluation, and real-time field support for identification and recruitment and supplemental services required under Title I, Part C of ESEA and as outlined in the Secretary's priorities.

**Explain why the described solution is the only solution that meets the agency's need and how no other identified solutions were sufficient.** *(See instructions on last page for guidance)*

No other consortia are authorized by ED nor exist in accordance with §1303(e) of ESEA under the current 3-year cycle, for which SCDE is formally committed.

*Note: Determination is not complete without required signatures and dates*

**Required Signatures:**

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