

**Sole Source
Written Determination**

Agency Identification: South Carolina Department of Education

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

Agency (South Carolina Department of Education) needs a Title I, Part C database that is fully operational for the 2025-26 school year by July 2026 (see below).

Section 1307 of Title I, Part C of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), as amended and 34 CFR 200.85(a) through (f), mandate electronic exchange of specified educational and health information via linkage with the U.S. Department of Education's (USED) Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) database. The current Interconnection Security Agreement (ISA) and MSIX Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with USED, both valid through Fall of 2026, outline the role of the vendor, Management Services for Education Data (MSEDD) in this linkage and transfer of Title I, Part C student records for the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE). In accordance with 200.85(c)(1), Title I, Part C student records must be documented on a national Certificate of Eligibility (COE), OMB Document Control Number 1810-0662, and uploaded within the federal MSIX database within specific timeframes specified in 200.85(b)(3)(i)(B)(1) and (2).

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

Market research included web-based research as well as in-person outreach and networking with other states and national organizations to determine available options. Results indicated that a) no other vendors exist that are able to provide a fully functional database by July 2026; b) there are unreasonable costs and functionality insufficiencies, as well as unavailable services from other vendors who have worked with agencies to develop such a product internally; and c) timeframes of data transfers do not match current standards in place by MSEDD (and as required by federal law). Please reference additional market research performed prior to this written determination.

Sole Source Vendor Name: Management Services for Education Data (MSEDD)

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 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.)*

Data collection, storage, and transfer of specified migratory student education records solely for Title I, Part C requirements mandated by the ESSA, as amended, and current fully executed ISAs and MSIX MOUs between the South Carolina Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education that specifically list MSEDD for the database transfer.

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)*


MSEDD is the only vendor that can meet SCDE's timeline for transferring migratory student records to MSIX in accordance with federal law. This is why 36 states also utilize MSEDD to meet the same statutory requirements for Title I, Part C. The remaining 10 states operating Title I, Part C programs have either a) invested hundreds of thousands of dollars and time/effort to develop their own Title I, Part C database over a 5 year period on average or b) pay a different one other identified vendor

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that does not offer the required remote data collection features needed by our outreach staff in isolated, agricultural settings with migratory farmworker families. MOST IMPORTANTLY, as outlined in SCDE's Title I, Part C ISA and MSIX MOU, no other vendor is able to link and transfer specified student records with USED's MSIX database at this time without becoming noncompliant with federal law. Use and maintenance of the MSED software (MIS2000), is exclusively designed to collect and transfer records in accordance with federal law and regulations, and to fulfill these preexisting agreements with USED through the Fall of 2026.

Note: Determination is not complete without required signatures and dates

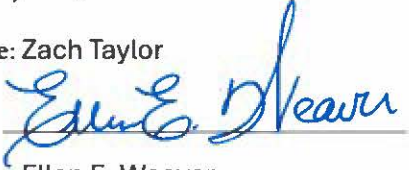
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