

USM SSP 24_028 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of Hypack.

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Comments/objections will be received as required per Section 31-7-13 (C) of the Mississippi Code until 8:00 a.m. (Central Time) on May 7, 2024.

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the commodity listed is not sole source and can be provided by another person or entity shall submit a written notice to:

Jacob Cochran

Interim Director of Procurement & Contracts 118 College Dr. Box 5003 Hattiesburg, MS 39406

bids@usm.edu

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 24_028"

The notice shall contain a detailed explanation of why the commodity is not a sole source procurement. Appropriate documentation shall also be submitted if applicable.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, USM determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then USM will withdraw the sole source request publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the commodity to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

If USM determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then USM will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. USM will have the burden of proving that the commodity is only provided by one (1) source.

Run Dates: 4/19, 4/26

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The University of Southern Mississippi anticipates purchasing the item(s) listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase shall follow the procedures outlined below.

1. Description of the commodity that USM is seeking to procure:

A HYPACK GEOPHYSICS Software (Media Kit) and a HYPACK GEOPHYSICS Software (Educational, 10 licenses incl.) that allows users to integrate with sensors in support of ONR, NRL, and NOAA projects.

2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:

HYPACK, a Xylem brand, is a world leader in software development for the hydrographic and dredging industries. Their software is an industry standard with proprietary formats that are requested by our partners.

3. Explanation of why the source is the only source and is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:

HYPACK is the sole distributor of licenses through their software.

4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

Nothing USM currently has can match the capabilities of the software. The Director of HYPACK Business Development is giving a discount of 90% on the academic license. (We would be paying for only one of the ten seats.) If we paid for all eleven seats (\$7,000 x 11 = \$77,000), we would need to incur a cost of \$63,000 more than the \$14,000 quote.

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5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:

After having used this software in the past via the USM Hydrographic Science Program to process data collections, we now have a need for a new license for our industry and research partners. Our requirements have exceeded the scope of the license we have used in the past, and this vendor has proved to be an exceptional source of support.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	4/19/24
2nd scheduled	4/26/24

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