

USM SSP 23_031 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of Teledyne Webb Research Slocum Glider.

http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Bid

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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 30, 2023.

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:

Steve Ballew

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 23_031"

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: 5/12, 5/19

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 23_031

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 in “Objections.”

Description of the commodity that USM is seeking to procure:

- 1.) 10-WATT Thruster ship kit for a Teledyne Slocum G3 glider
- 2.) FWD Section, Teledyne Slocum G3 glider, Piston Analog Altimeter, 200M
- 3.) Battery Kit, Rechargeable battery pack for Teledyne Slocum G3 glider
- 4.) Lithium Battery Set, Teledyne Slocum G3 glider, W/ALK EBT

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

The research program recently participated in the bid process for a glider trade-in (USM Bid 23-09). The bid was for a 1000m Ocean glider and receiving credit for the older 200m glider we have in house. Teledyne Webb Research was awarded the PO for this bid, G3 1000M Slocum package (w/trade in). The funding is for an ongoing research program to support hurricane models in the Gulf of Mexico. We have since received additional funding to support a second shallow water model. We would like to purchase the Shallow water buoyancy pump (200m) and thruster to full fill that mission by leveraging the 1000m purchase and adding it in a different buoyancy engine. This new section is specific to the G3 Slocum glider. In addition, to complete this mission, we want to purchase a rechargeable battery pack for testing and teaching on the glider and a Primary battery pack for the longer missions required by the funding. These batteries are specific to the G3 Slocum glider.

Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):

Teledyne Webb Research is the only manufacturer/ distributor of the G3 Slocum glider.

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

- 1) 10-WATT Thruster ship kit - \$13,673
- 2.) FWD Section, G3, Piston Analog Altimeter, 200M - \$44,216
- 3.) Battery Kit, Rechargeable, G3 - \$29,013
- 4.) Lithium Battery Set, G3, W/ALK EBT – 20,557

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

The Department went to bid for the Slocum upgrade and Teledyne Webb was the winning bid, the only company that can provide the upgrade to the glider to be multi-purpose is the original manufacturer. We without the ability to leverage the equipment we have in house we would not be able to stretch our research dollars to complete the mission.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	5/12/2023
2nd scheduled	5/19/2023

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