

USM SSP 23\_032 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of Fifteen kilograms of the chemical hexafluoroglutaryl fluoride.

[http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract\\_bid\\_search/Bid](http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Bid)

RFx: 3150005017

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 June 27, 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](mailto:bids@usm.edu)

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 23\_032"

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: 6/12, 6/19**

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 23\_032**

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:  
Fifteen kilograms of the chemical hexafluoroglutaryl fluoride
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:  
This chemical is necessary for custom fluoropolymer synthesis and is the only one that can make the final compound.
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:  
This chemical is made by Exfluor. They distribute it in very small quantities to other distributors, but none other than Exfluor sell fifteen kilogram quantities.
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:  
This is a specialty chemical bought in a large quantity, and the price is set by the company that produces this chemical.
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:  
I contacted the other distributors I could find and they let me know it either was not in stock or they could not sell it in such quantities ( or both).

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>6/12//2023</b>
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