

USM SSP 23\_034 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of The Bookmark.

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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 June 19, 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\_034"

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: 6/4, 6/11

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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:

Database of professional licensure responses to allow us to continue providing programs to individuals seeking to be licensed in other states.

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

There is no other database that has information of this specificity and that spans this scope.

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

This company is the only one creating a database that is this expansive and that will continue to expand to abide by ongoing regulatory requirements.

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

It would cost us \$55,000 a year for an employee, and it would take more than 4 years to accumulate this data. Therefore, the annual cost is much cheaper than employing a dedicated employee to learn how to research the information, compile the information and continue updating the information every 6 to 8 months, including monitoring regulatory changes.

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

This is a sole source vendor that is charging a standard price. There is no negotiation possible based on the niche market involved and the years already expended by the

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vendor in accumulating the data needed to allow us to achieve regulatory compliance by this time next year.

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>6/4/2023</b>
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