

USM SSP 24_011 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of a CTD System that includes the Underwater Unit, Deck Unit, and Water Sampler.

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

RFx: 3150005301

Comments/objections will be received as required per Section 31-7-13 (C) of the Mississippi Code until 2:00 p.m. (Central Time) on November 28, 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:

Millissa Stork
Procurement Coordinator
703 East Beach Dr. Ocean Springs, MS 39564
bids@usm.edu
Phone: 228-818-8001

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 24_011"

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 11/06/2023 AND 11/13/2023.

The University of Southern Mississippi
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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:

USM (University of Southern Mississippi) is seeking to purchase one fully operational water sampling and hydrographic profiling device, including underwater unit, deck unit, and water sampler, to assist research projects and ensure accurate measurements of hydrodynamic parameters. The device, commonly know as a CTD (conductivity, temperature, depth) is critical to oceanographic research.

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

The system is an essential component of the shipboard scientific suite, used on nearly every oceanographic expedition. This is the only system currently used on all oceanographic research ships across the US. This represents an important market for service by this testing facility, and thus is a necessary asset for outfitting the lab.

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

Sea-bird is the sole manufacturer of this system, and no other system is available for commercial sale that will provide for the needs of the facility and compatible with existing capabilities. Sea-Bird is also the only company capable of offering the required depth rating on the suite of sensors included in this procurement.

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

The cost of \$185,776.56 is considered reasonable for the specialized equipment.

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

USM has searched and Sea-bird is the sole manufacturer of this system, and no other system is available for commercial sale that will provide for the needs of the facility and compatible with existing capabilities.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	11/06/2023
2nd scheduled	11/13/2023

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Jacob Cochran

Interim Director of Procurement & Contract Services

jacob.cochran@usm.edu

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