

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_001

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: **The Multisizer 4e Coulter Cell Analyzer is an instrument that counts and measures particles from 0.2 to 1,600 µm.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **The Multisizer 4e Coulter Cell Analyzer is the latest in the line of Coulter Counter that uses the Coulter principle: electrical zone sensing to count and measure particles without relying on their optical properties. Our optical laboratory needs particle characterization that is independent from their optical properties for research and testing and the Multisizer 4e Coulter Cell Analyzer is the only instrument that allows this.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source, person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **The company that created the Multisizer 4e Coulter Cell Analyzer, Beckman-Coulter, is the only vendor for this instrument. They have not allowed any other vendors yet.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **The instrument is using unique, patented, highly advanced technology. The sales price is the same range as other similarly advanced technological instruments.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **The department negotiated and received a discount for the equipment purchase.**

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	6/22/19
2nd scheduled	6/29/19

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
Steve.ballew@usm.edu

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection"

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.