USM SSP 20_008 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of HighPoint Schedule Builder

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

RFx: 3150002415

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 October 16, 2019.

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"

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: 10/1 & 10/8

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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: **The University of Southern Mississippi is looking to purchase a suite of products from HighPoint Technology Solutions to assist students with creating class schedules in PeopleSoft.**

2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **HighPoint Schedule Builder is different from other products because it lies within our current Student Information System, PeopleSoft, thus giving a seamless, real-time outcome.**

3. Explanation of why the source is the only source, person or entity that can provide the required commodity**: Other products, such as College Scheduler that we currently use for schedule building, are considered 3rd party applications, and have external integration between their system and ours. Reducing that external integration reduces some of the risk associated with electronic transference of data. With HighPoint, there is no transmission of data between our system and the vendor's, thus reducing opportunities for a data breach.**

4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **As part of a bundle, the cost for this product is less than the 3rd party vendor we are currently using. In addition to the added security factor, we are reducing the cost of a valuable service we provide to our students.**

5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **Our technology department, iTech, has been instrumental in the research and negotiation process that has led to this request.**

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	10/1/19
2nd scheduled	10/8/19

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