

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 19_021

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: **Renewal of HighPoint Mobile product licensing and maintenance support provided by HighPoint Technology Solutions.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **HighPoint mobile is an Oracle partner and their solution design uniquely employs component interfaces that directly communicate with the Oracle PeopleSoft database. This transactional processing allows for just-in-time, secure communication with our student records. This special functionality ensures that changes in the mobile application are updated immediately in our enterprise student system (SOAR). This real-time processing assures the integrity and currency of students' records.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source or the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **HighPoint Technology Solutions focuses only on Oracle PeopleSoft higher education customers and creates solutions that are specific to PeopleSoft systems and functionality. They are the only vendor that provides HighPoint Mobile for Campus Solutions and Human Capital Management in Oracle PeopleSoft. We have investigated other Oracle PeopleSoft partners and the other vendors do not integrate with PeopleSoft Campus Solutions and Human Capital Management providing the end-to-end functionality for mobile devices that HighPoint Technology Solutions can provide.**

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4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **In our review of other products, we have determined that the amount we spend on the HighPoint Mobile solution and services per year are less than other solutions that cannot provide the same unique, real-time integration with our system.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **We negotiated with HighPoint Technology Solutions to keep the price as close to cost from the previous fiscal year. This one-year price is on par with pricing they typically allow for a three-year contract.**

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	6/8/19
2nd scheduled	6/15/19

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.

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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.