

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_010

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: **Axon Flex Camera Software and Cloud Storage.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **The business needs for the sole source purchase are met by the unique characteristics of the Axon system. We currently have 31 cameras assigned for use by police officers. The most important features for us are the use of a standalone Evidence Transfer Module, the cloud-based storage and the ability to maintain compatibility with our existing system. The Evidence Transfer Module allows the user to upload video simply by plugging the controller into the module. No computer is required, and the user need not spend any time managing the data. The cloud-based storage allows for issues such as security, audits of modifications, backup, etc. are managed in the cloud.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **Only Axon can support the Axon camera system used by the University Police Department.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **The Axon camera system saves significant time for the UPD. The past six years of use has created a large database of stored video that has been used as required to provide proof in court, to resolve complaints, and for training purposes.**

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5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:
Other products were researched when making the initial purchase of body cameras. No other product provided all the features of the Axon Flex that was chosen at the time.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	11/10/19
2nd scheduled	11/17/19

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.