

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_032

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:

Hosokawa Mikro® Universal Milling System Model UMP-B

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

Controlled production of uniform particle size distributions of various thermoplastic polymers are required to meet the needs of our US Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) project. These polymeric materials are a critical component of the production goals of the project and they must be milled/ground into micron-sized particles efficiently. The milling system from Hosokawa is the only equipment that can meet the research needs of our US Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) project.

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

The milling system from Hosokawa meets both the particle sizing capability specifications necessary for our research and can be cryogenically cooled during processing to improve milling/grinding efficiency. The Hosokawa mill system has interchangeable milling heads, which provide multiple pathways for size reduction of polymeric materials. Hosokawa is the only vendor we have located after a thorough search, which meets the specifications necessary for our research. Hosokawa does not sell this product through distributors.

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

The cost is reasonable given the capabilities of the equipment and its estimated service lifetime.

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

As the sole manufacturer of the Mikro® Milling System, Hosokawa prices their products based on their business model. However, the price is typical of high-performance, highly engineering machines and tools we have worked with in the past.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	5/28/2020
2nd scheduled	6/4/2020

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.