

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 21_016

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: Specialized shipment cases for transport of the BD FACSCelestra Flow cytometer.
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: These are the only cases on the market compatible and specially designed for the BD FACSCelestra Flow cytometer. In order to transport the BD FACSCelestra Flow cytometer for field expeditions, travel cases specially designed to ensure minimum movement of sensitive equipment during transport is essential.
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: Wilson Case, Inc. is the only company that has designed and manufactured travel cases for the BD FACSCelestra Flow cytometer.
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: The University of Southern Mississippi negotiated pricing for the lowest possible price.
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: The University of Southern Mississippi researched other companies for a comparable product but there are no others currently on the market.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	11/8/2020
2nd scheduled	11/15/2020

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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.