

Sun-Herald

**Advertisement for Bids
The University of Southern Mississippi
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
Ocean Springs, MS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received in the Shipping and Receiving Office on Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's Cedar Point Campus at 103 McIlwain Drive, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, 39564, until **October 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** for the purchase of the following:

**Bid# 27_12 Single Wall Non-Insulated Vertical Towers and Associated Accessories.
RFX: 3160008274**

Detailed specifications and electronic bid submission instructions may be secured from the above office upon request or our website <https://www.usm.edu/procurement-contract-services/current-bids-and-sole-source-notices.php>

Right is hereby reserved to reject any or all bids. Incomplete bids will be considered nonresponsive.

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Publish 2 times and charge to The University of Southern Mississippi:

09/20/2026
09/27/2026



**THIS IS NOT
AN ORDER**

REQUEST FOR BIDS/PROPOSALS COVERSHEET
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Procurement and Contract Services
103 McIlwain Dr. Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Date: _____

Name: _____

Bid No. 27_12

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI is considering the purchase of the following item(s). We ask that you submit your bid and retain one copy for your files. Right is reserved to accept or reject any part of your bid. Your quotation will be given consideration if received on or before:

October 8, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

TERMS - Bidder should state terms of sale. **Our terms are 2% ten days, net 45 days.**

These terms will apply per Mississippi law.

AWARDING CONTRACT - Cash terms will not be used as a basis for awarding contracts; however, the University will accept cash discounts when earned.

Buyer: Millissa Weaver

NOTE: If you cannot quote on the exact material shown, please indicate any exception giving brand name and complete specifications of any alternate. If additional space is required, use a separate sheet or letter of transmittal.

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL NET PRICE
		Single Wall Non-Insulated Vertical Towers and Associated Accessories Bid# 27_12 as per attached specifications. RFX 3160008274 Incomplete quotes may be rejected. Please quote all items/quantities as per specifications. USM payment terms are 2% ten days, net 45 days. These terms will apply per Mississippi Law. PROPOSAL MUST BE RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS. RFX NUMBER AND DATE OF BID OPENING MUST BE SHOWN ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE IF USING THAT METHOD.		

We quote you as above-F.O.B. The University of Southern Mississippi. Shipment can be made in _____ days from receipt of order. DATE _____ TERMS _____
Return quotation to Procurement Services at above address.

Bid # 27_12
RFX 3160008274
University of Southern Mississippi
Single-Wall Non-Insulated Vertical Towers
and Associated Accessories

Technical Specifications – Single-Wall Vertical Towers and Associated Accessories

1. General Requirements

The University of Southern Mississippi is soliciting sealed bids for the purchase and delivery of aquaculture tanks suitable for water storage and recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) applications.

All equipment shall be new, unused, and of current production. Demonstration, refurbished, or prototype units are not acceptable.

The specifications herein establish minimum acceptable standards. Products offered must meet or exceed all listed requirements.

Equivalent products will be considered; however, the University reserves sole discretion in determining equivalency based on performance, design, durability, and compatibility with existing systems.

2. Intended Application

The tanks will be utilized within an aquaculture facility for filtered water storage and system support in a recirculating aquaculture system (RAS). Tanks must be suitable for continuous use in a wet, high-humidity environment and compatible with common aquaculture plumbing, filtration, and pumping systems.

Materials shall be non-toxic, corrosion-resistant, and safe for use in aquatic environments, with no leaching of harmful substances that could impact water quality or aquatic species.

3. 10,000-Gallon Vertical Storage Tanks (Quantity: 10)

Preferred Manufacturer/Model: Snyder Industries Model No. 32036 (or approved equal)

Minimum Specifications:

- Nominal capacity: 10,000 gallons
- Approximate Dimensions: 142-inch diameter x 166.5-inch height
- Construction: One-piece, seamless, rotationally molded polyethylene construction
- Material: FDA-compliant food-grade virgin HDPE 942 polyethylene
- Color: Manufacturer's standard; material shall be UV-stabilized for outdoor service.
- Specific Gravity Rating: Minimum 1.2
- Manway/Lid: 26-inch threaded vented lid
- Bottom fittings: Three (3) 2-inch polypropylene bulkhead fittings per tank. Exact locations shall be determined by the University after award and prior to fabrication.
- Reinforced dome incorporating flat areas suitable for installation of additional fittings
- Each tank shall include between one (1) and five (5) additional 2-inch fittings installed in the reinforced dome. Exact quantity and locations will vary by tank and shall be provided by the University after award and prior to fabrication.
- Tanks shall be self-supporting when installed on a properly prepared, level supporting surface.

- Certifications: NSF/ANSI Standard 61 and FDA compliant.

Primary Use: Bulk water storage for system pretreatment, disinfection processes, and staging of water prior to distribution within the aquaculture facility.

4. Delivery Requirements

- FOB Destination: University of Southern Mississippi
 - Vendor shall coordinate the delivery schedule with University personnel prior to shipment.
 - All equipment shall be fully assembled to the greatest extent practical.
 - Delivery and Unloading: Vendor shall provide advance notice of delivery and identify any special unloading, lifting, or handling requirements. Manufacturer-recommended procedures for unloading and handling shall be provided prior to shipment. The University will coordinate unloading equipment and personnel unless otherwise specified.
 - Vendor shall provide manufacturer installation and handling documentation upon request.
 - All shipments shall include a packing list and applicable installation, handling, and maintenance documentation.
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5. Acceptable Manufacturers

The manufacturers listed within each specification section are identified as preferred manufacturers based on known compatibility with existing systems and performance history.

Bidders may propose equivalent products; however, all alternates must be clearly identified and accompanied by detailed technical documentation demonstrating equivalency.

Failure to provide sufficient documentation may result in disqualification of the proposed alternate.