

USM SSP 24\_003 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of SeaSonde Long-Range Unit, 110V, SeaSonde Combined TX-RX Antenna, and SeaSonde Receive Antenna.

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Comments/objections will be received as required per Section 31-7-13 (C) of the Mississippi Code until 8:00 a.m. (Central Time) on September 18, 2023.

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 118 College Dr. Box 5003 Hattiesburg, MS 39406

[bids@usm.edu](mailto:bids@usm.edu)

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 24\_003"

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.

**Run Dates: 8/30, 9/6**

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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:

- SeaSonde Long-Range Radar Unit, 110V tuned for a user-specific frequency below 11 MHz.
- SeaSonde Combined TX-RX Antenna tuned for a user specific frequency >20MHz
- SeaSonde Receive Antenna tuned for a user specific frequency <11MHz

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

Funding has been received from NOAA to continue to operate the USM HFR stations. We are currently trying to replace and repair items that were damaged during the 2020-2021 Hurricane season and to buy a spare site to use for the entire GCOOS HFR Network including USM. For all the units to be compatible we need to purchase what is already operational. The network currently includes 13 sites spread across the Gulf Coast area. The Long Range High Frequency Radar system and does not have an equivalent plug and play system from another manufacturer. It is a specialized system.

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

CODAR Ocean Sensors is the only manufacturer/vendor of the SeaSonde Long-Range Radar Unit, 110V and SeaSonde stand alone antennas.

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

The cost of the requested commodities is \$212,310 and is a reasonable amount to spend for this specialized equipment.

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

We currently operate five CODAR stations along the Gulf Coast; Destin, Florida, Orange Beach, AL, Singing River, MS, Pass Christian, MS, and Waveland, MS. All of the stations currently are operation equipment from CODAR Ocean Sensors. The original purchases were sent to bid and the only bidder was CODAR Ocean Sensors.

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>8/30/23</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>9/06/23</b>

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