

USM SSP 24_020 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of migrating our TMA from on premises to SaaS.

http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Bid

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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 February 29, 2024.

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:

Jacob Cochran

Interim Director of Procurement & Contracts 118 College Dr. Box 5003 Hattiesburg, MS 39406

bids@usm.edu

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 24_020"

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: 2/9, 2/16

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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:

Migrating our TMA from on premise to SaaS to store data in the cloud and be accessible from anywhere.

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

TMA hosts their products. They will be able to host the system and service the system while they support it. TMA will have direct access to the system for maintenance and upgrades. Currently, they have to work through ITech which is cumbersome and we don't have the latest version. We need the latest version for security.

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

The Physical Plant currently utilizes TMA as our work order management system for the entire University. We want to use SaaS services WebTMA in order to take advantage of the opportunities associated with the cloud. The only way to do this is purchasing through SaaS service. The hosting is with TMA and we can't use another source with TMA.

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

SaaS will increase our efficiency, take our data to the cloud, give us more prompt custom services and regular updates.

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

TMA hosts their products. We asked for an estimate.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	2/9/24
2nd scheduled	2/16/24

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