

USM SSP 25\_0017 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of Li Battery Sets.

[http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract\\_bid\\_search/Bid](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 April 1, 2025.

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](mailto:bids@usm.edu)

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 25\_017"

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: 3/17, 3/24

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 25\_017**

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:
  - a. **OceanScout Glider Li Battery set (1400Wh)**
  
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:
  - a. **The battery is specifically designed in power and shape to fit the glider housing. No other battery is compatible with the vehicle or its software.**
  
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:
  - a. **Hefring is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the OceanScout vehicles and accessories.**
  
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:
  - a. **\$4,000 per battery is a reasonable cost for a Li battery pack that is custom designed.**
  
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:
  - a. **The company has guaranteed that we are receiving the best market price.**

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<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>3/17/25</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>3/24/25</b>

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