

USM SSP 25_022 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of gentleMACS Dissociators.

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 June 11, 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

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 25_022"

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: 5/32, 5/30

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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:

- gentleMACS Dissociator

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

- The gentleMACS Dissociators are designed for automated tissue dissociation to obtain single-cell and single-nucleus suspensions using C Tubes and for automated tissue homogenization using M Tubes.
- Our lab isolates pathogens from inside the cell. The gentleMACS Dissociator can also disrupt the parasitized cell while preserving the pathogen intact within the cell, yielding a unique result from this equipment.

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

- There is not another piece of equipment that can do what this one does.

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

- \$7,210.00 is a reasonable price for a piece of equipment that no one else has.

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

- Checked online at different website. i.e. Fisher Scientific and could not find another piece of equipment that does this.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	5/23/25
2nd scheduled	5/30/25

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