

USM SSP 25_027 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of RecRe Automated Rental Box.

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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 July 17, 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

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bids@usm.edu

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 25_027"

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: 6/30, 7/17

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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:

- The University of Southern Mississippi, specifically the Union Department, is seeking to procure the RecRe Automated Rental Box and associated software. This is a comprehensive hardware/software solution designed for automated, secure, and efficient management of shared resources, specifically for lending and returning items. The system includes durable, tamper-proof lockers with various connectivity options (Ethernet, WiFi, LTE), and a cloud-based platform for real-time insights, team collaboration, and customizable access controls.

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

- RecRe is the only viable option to meet USM's needs due to its unique features and existing integration within the university. Unlike generic rental systems or parcel/food delivery lockers, RecRe is purpose-built for resource lending and returns in higher education settings. Its key features include:
 - i. Two-way transactions (checkout and return)
 - ii. Multiple authentication and flexible rental options
 - iii. Real-time insights and team collaboration
 - iv. Cross-department accountability with a 3-strike system

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

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- RecRe, Inc. is the sole source for this commodity due to the following reasons:
 - i. Existing Contractual Framework: The University of Southern Mississippi has an existing Master Services Agreement (MSA) with RecRe, Inc., permitting any department on campus to purchase or lease RecRe rental boxes.
 - ii. Unique Campus Deployment: The specific Sales Order in question relates to a RecRe box that is already leased and actively operating on campus. RecRe is the only vendor that can provide the exact unit already in place, ensuring continuity and compatibility.
- 4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:
 - The amount to be expended is reasonable due to the following factors:
 - i. Cost and Operational Efficiency: By converting leased units to owned assets, the university benefits from substantial savings in operations and future expenses.
 - ii. Elimination of Additional Costs: This procurement eliminates the need for additional implementation or onboarding costs, as the platform is already fully integrated into the campus infrastructure.
- 5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:
 - The Union Department has worked with RecRe to leverage the existing MSA to obtain the most favorable pricing.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	6/30/25
2nd scheduled	7/7/25

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