

USM SSP 26_002 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of Dual Alpha Spectrometer.

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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 August 19, 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

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 26_002"

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: 7/31, 8/7

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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:

- Dula Alpha Spectrometer, 7200 – Mirion Technologies
- A450-18AM Alpha PIPS Detector, PA45018 – Mirion Technologies

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

- These are the parts of Alpha detector housing which was originally made by Canberra (Miron) Technologies.

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

- Miron Technologies (Canberra)- Inc is the sole manufacturer and distributor of these alpha spectrometer and accessories. No other company makes the same part that would fit in with this Alpha detector. These are the chambers to hold the samples and count the alpha particles.

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

- \$9630 per 7200 Dual Alpha Spectrometer (total 2 quantities)
- \$1753 per PA45018 Alpha PIPS Detector (total 4 quantities)
- These are the reasonable cost for these detectors that is specially built for the Alpha Spectroscopy.

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

- The parts were searched in the open market online on various platforms. The company has guaranteed that we are receiving the best market price and has included a discount for both the parts. Also, they have agreed to provide software for educational purposes.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	7/31/25
2nd scheduled	8/7/25

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Director of Procurement & Contracts

Jacob.Cochran@usm.edu

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection 25_XXX"

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