

USM SSP 26_006 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of Echo Respirometer Upgrade.

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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 September 4, 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_006"

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: 8/18, 8/25

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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:

- Echo Respirometer upgrade

2. What efforts were made by the Agency to determine that the proposed provider is the only entity that can provide the commodity needed?

- Green Science Solutions is the only supplier and installation provider in the United States for the Echo Respirometer.

3. What efforts were made to ensure the best possible price for the commodity was obtained?

- This is the only route to obtain parts and service for this equipment in the United States. The manufacturer specifically partners with Green Science Solutions to reduce cost of travel and labor during installation, rather than a technician travelling from Europe.

4. Why is the commodity the only one that can meet the needs to the Agency?

- The Echo Respirometer upgrade can only be completed with compatible parts manufactured by the company Echo.

5. Why is the amount expended for the commodity reasonable?

- The equipment upgrade will allow us to run more client samples and reduce lead time.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	8/18/25
2nd scheduled	8/25/25

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 by September 4, 2026, 8:00 AM CST, to:

Jacob Cochran
Director of Procurement & Contracts
Jacob.Cochran@usm.edu

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection 25_006"

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.

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