

USM SSP 26_018 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of VRS Annual Support.

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 March 30, 2026.

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_016"

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: 3/11, 3/18

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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:

Annual renewal of software support for Trimble Virtual Reference Stations (VRSNet) for the GPS Infrastructure Software.

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

Trimble is the only vendor that engineers, manufacture, sells, service and supports a complete solution of GNSS hardware and software. This assures the University of full system compatibility, modernization paths and technical support.

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

Seiler Geospatial is the only authorized distributor for Trimble Inc. within the State of Mississippi. Contractual agreements limit dealers to sell specific geographic territory for the purpose of local support for customers.

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

To effectively manage the state's infrastructure, GCGC must provide and maintain a common reference system on which to base and associate all research, transportation and construction related activities. The system can be used simultaneously to meet the mapping and/or navigation needs of State and Federal agencies, local municipalities, private surveyors, and the public.

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

As an ongoing service, Trimble software system has shown the ability to manage multiple servers thereby increasing redundancy and reliability. Trimble is the sole providers for technical support services and software updates.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	3/11/26
2nd scheduled	3/18/26

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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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