The University of Southern Mississippi

Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

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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: A rotating turntable equipped with slip rings, video camera and display, fluid tanks, a fluid cart equipped with storage tank and pump.

2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:
   The rotating tank will be used for instructional purposes in Marine Science (under)graduate courses to demonstrate the effect of rotation on water motions. The turntable has a co-rotating camera and LCD screen to visualize the fluid motions relative to the rotating frame.

3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: This set up is only made by one manufacturer.

4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: The turntable and the accessories are reasonably priced. All products are precision made and put together by hand. The accessories are unique and designed to fit with the turntable set up.

5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: An online search was done for other vendors, but we did not find any comparable products.

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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:

Steve Ballew
Director of Procurement & Contracts
Steve.ballew@usm.edu

**Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection"**

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.