

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 18_017

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: Ethernet upgrade and replacement software for our (2) Alliance 2695 Separations Modules:
 - **2 ea, 2695 Ethernet Conversion Program**
 - **2 ea, TAW e2695 Blue Separations Mod (1PM)**
 - **1 ea, Maint: Empower for Universities 2nd Yr (Support ID# ML2AN02213)**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **In order that our two existing Alliance 2695 Separations Modules be capable of interfacing with modern chromatography detectors, they must be upgraded for ethernet connection capability. This upgrade is the only way to meet our needs while staying within our available budget.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **Waters is the only service/parts provider for these Separations Modules. This service is not currently available through other service companies.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **Funding to cover the necessary upgrade on these pieces of equipment is covered through our current DURIP Grant.**

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

A search was conducted for other companies that could provide these parts and service for the equipment, but none were located outside Waters Corporation.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	6/24/18
2nd scheduled	7/01/18

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.