

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 19\_003**

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:

**The miniDAWN TREOS II model, designed for use with a wide range of GPC, FPLC, HPLC, SEC or field-flow fractionation (FFF) instrumentation, is a member of the fourth generation of MALS detectors developed by WTC. This instrument uniquely meets our needs because it, with the associated ASTRA data acquisition and analysis software, uniquely combine advanced technical features to meet the following requirements which are deemed necessary to perform the measurements expected with acceptable accuracy, precision and repeatability.**

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

**Purchasing this piece of equipment will replace a device that outdated and out of commission. This device came with a software program that updates us for the foreseeable future (approximately 5-7 years) for our gel permeation chromatography system. This device will give us more accurate data for our research.**

3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can

**provide the required commodity: Wyatt Corporation is the only provider for this equipment. There is nothing else that will work for our needs for this.**

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

**cannot do our research on our newest funded project without this updated**

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**equipment. Funding for this piece of equipment is included in the project budget and is paid from the industry partner funding this research project.**

5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:  
**Search was made for other companies that can provide this or a compatible piece of equipment. None were located other than Wyatt.**

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>8/18/18</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>8/25/18</b>

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.

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