

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 19_008

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:

IV measurement system that can be custom configured to current glovebox system to meet compatibility.

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

This is the only IV measurement system compatible with our existing glovebox system. The system features the following capabilities:

- **50 x 50 mm class ABA solar simulator utilizing light pipe homogenizing optical system coupled to a 100 watt prefocused xenon arc lamp.**
- **HEPA Filtered cooking air for solar simulator lamp compartment.**
- **Probe Station to hold and contact three substrates and 24 devices at a time.**
- **IV measurement software with scripting ability to be able measure individual devices automatically in any desired sequence.**

After extensive research – no other company could meet these specifications.

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

No other manufacturer can supply an IV Measurement System to meet these specifications to be compatible with the existing glovebox system.

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

The cost of the complete IV Measurement system is less expensive than many of the individual components from separate vendors.

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

Contacted and researched multiple suppliers over several years. None were found to provide a complete IV Measurement System compatible with our existing glovebox system.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	10/9/18
2nd scheduled	10/16/18

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

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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.

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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.