

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 19_009

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 Bernese GNSS Software is a scientific, high-precision, multi-GNSS data processing software developed at the Astronomical Institute of the University of Bern (AIUB).

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

This purchase is required to meet subcontract requirement on the research project entitled USM Mapping center that is funded by NOAA. USM has been contracted to conduct research on precise positioning technologies for NOAA. The GPS data that have been collected need to be analyzed using a higher-end GNSS post processing software.

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

The Astronomical Institute, University of Bern (AIUB) is the sole manufacturer and only authorized distributor of the Bernese GNSS Software. AIUB manages all design, engineering, manufacture, sales and distribution, and support of the Bernese GNSS Software.

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

Purchase price of software includes the installation of software on as many workstations as desired. Another “deal” is that the source code is fully accessible to licensed users and allows access and tuning of all relevant model parameters by the user via GUI.

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

The department researched other companies to find a comparable vendor, but no other vendor provided the needed software.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	10/22/18
2nd scheduled	10/29/18

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.