

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 19\_010**

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:

**USM is seeking an enhancement for the HORIBA PTI QuantaMaster 8000 spectrofluorometer with the addition of extended NIR detection range.**

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

**HORIBA Instruments is the sole manufacture of this equipment and no other supplier can provide a system compatible with the proprietary hardware and software that exists with the QuantaMaster 8000 spectrofluorometer.**

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

**HORIBA Instruments is the sole manufacturer and only sales channel to purchase the needed additional equipment and upgrade.**

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

**Pricing for these components is fair and additional discounts have been offered.**

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

**After extensive research – no other company was able to meet the specifications.**

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>11/6/18</b>

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>11/13/18</b>
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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.