1. Description of the commodity that USM is seeking to procure:

USM is looking to procure mooring frames and extended battery housing to be compatible with existing equipment being used for a mooring the Gulf of Mexico. The existing equipment is being supplied by a different University for the project.

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

The equipment need to be compatible with the existing equipment, which only one company manufacturers. Therefore we can only purchase these parts from the same manufacturer.

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

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

If we do not purchase these products the system will not last out in the field the desired length of time. Therefore we would require ship-time and personnel time that exceeds the purchase price of these items. As this project is project to last over 10 years.

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

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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:
The University of Southern Mississippi

Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

SSP 17_018

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.