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**Jackson State University  
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase  
SSP23-16 RFx 3150004812**

Jackson State University anticipates purchasing the item listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase shall follow the procedures outlined below.

**Product Overview:**

The Audioscan Verfit 2 Advanced Hearing Aid Verification System is the most intuitive and advanced verification system in the world. This product is a multi-use piece of equipment that allows for checking hearing instrument function, verifying the programming of hearing instruments, and providing hearing loss simulations that are based on specific listener's hearing abilities.

The NOAH Module add-on quickly transfers audiometry stored in Noah into the Verfit 2, it stores and retrieves test results electronically allowing for paperless flexibility, as well as easily generated PDF reports that integrate with EMR systems via shared network folders

**Explanation of need to be fulfilled by this item, how it is unique from all other options, and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:**

The Audioscan Verfit 2 is a multi-use piece of equipment that allows for checking hearing instrument function, verifying the programming of hearing instruments, and providing hearing loss simulations that are based on specific listener's hearing abilities. While there are other manufactures that produce products that are capable of some of these functions, there is not another manufacturer that incorporates all of these features into one product. This product is also capable of verifying a category of hearing instruments called bone anchored hearing devices, and it is the only product that provides this capability.

**Name of company selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide:**

e3 Med-Acoustics, Inc. is the exclusive sales and service agent for our zip code, 39217, for the Verfit 2 and Axiom real-ear hearing aid analyzers. Their sales staff are fully qualified to demonstrate and install Audioscan equipment and their Audioscan-trained service

professionals are the only technicians authorized to maintain, calibrate, and repair Audioscan equipment.

**Estimated cost of item and explanation of why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:**

The estimated cost associated with this product, including installation and training, is \$17,190. This includes the Audioscan Verifit 2 Advanced Hearing Aid Verification System and the Audioscan NOAH Module add-on. The University has thoroughly researched the product and determined Audioscan is the only manufacturer of this product and e3 Med Acoustics is the only distributor for the University's zip code. This company offers various promotions and trade-in offers to customers to lower the expense and offer the product at its most reasonable price.

**Explanation of the efforts taken by the department to determine that this is the only source and efforts used to obtain the best possible price:**

1. With departmental need at front of mind, faculty researched the marketplace and found that this equipment is the only one that will adequately meet the needs for the Department of Communicative Disorders and e3 Med Acoustics is the only source for this product.
2. Office of Purchasing and Travel searched DFA for item and vendor to no avail. Also searched web for alternate vendors to no avail as all listings of the product linked to e3 Med Acoustics for purchasing for our area.

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:

Laura Furdge, CMPA  
Special Projects Coordinator  
Laura.R.Furdge@jsums.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, JSU determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then JSU 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 JSU determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then JSU will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. JSU will have the burden of proving that the commodity is only provided by one (1) source.