# Mississippi State University Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

# 223-85

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

## Commodity or commodities to be purchased (make, model, description):

California Pellet Mill (CPM) PMCL5 Lab Pellet Mill. The CPM CL5 Laboratory pellet mill is used for small batches of product to be pelleted. The die is 5 inches in diameter and 1 inch wide providing 15.7 square inches of pelleting surface. Dies can be supplied with various hole diameters depending on the product and desired pellet diameter. The CL-5 is supplied with a conditioner for adding steam. Included with the CL-5 is a touchscreen control panel to operate the pellet mill, feeder, and conditioner.

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

This mill will be used for feed hygiene research, which is only being researched at a couple of other universities at this time. This mill has everything a full-sized mill has, but on a smaller scale that can be used in a lab setting. Being that this mill is small, it is easy to clean and place in a BSL-2 lab allowing for pathogens to be pelleted. Other equipment that is on the market is lacking a conditioner or are too large to be placed in a lab. This mill has all the needed components to make it the most appliable piece of equipment for our needs.

## Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):

Vendor name is California Pellet Mill. No other vendor offers a lab-scale pellet mill with the same specs. Other lab-scaled mills that are offered by other companies do not have a conditioner which is needed for our research to make it applicable to industry feed mills.

## Estimated cost of item(s) and an explanation why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:

The estimated cost for this mill is $68,759.00. This mill is the next best thing to having a pilot scale mill as this mill is controllable and applicable to industry feed mills.

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

Business manager searched DFA for item and/or vendor to no avail.

Searched the web for alternate vendors to no avail.

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:

Don Buffum, CPPO  
Director of Procurement & Contracts  
[dbuffum@procurement.msstate.edu](mailto:dbuffum@procurement.msstate.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, MSU determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then MSU 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 MSU determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then MSU will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. MSU will have the burden of proving that the commodity is only provided by one (1) source.

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