Mississippi State University  
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

189-06

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.

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

Flanders Size 5 Nuclear Grade Axial Flow HEPA Filters "U" pack, 1000 CFM @ 1.0"w.g., Model # 0-007-U-43-03-NU-11-23-GG-FU5, Dyne-E2 Separatorless Media Pack

1. 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:

The Department of Energy has requested under Cooperative Agreement number DE-EM0003163, Research Area 1, that research be performed on specific filter types, specifically referencing the U-pack filters. AAF Flanders is the only company that manufactures the U-pack filters with the Dyne-E2 Separatorless Media Pack, therefore this is the only option.

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

AAF Flanders

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

Estimated cost is $800/filter, with a need to purchase 18 filters. The Department of Energy has requested this number of filters and has approved the expenditures.

1. 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:

The department has contacted each of the nuclear filter manufacturers to verify that AAF Flanders is the only filter manufacturer that supplies U-pack filters. Additionally, the department has reviewed previous quotes and purchase orders to verify that the price is reasonable. There has been a slight increase over the last purchase, but that purchase was made four years ago, so it is an acceptable increase due to inflation.

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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