DFA Office of Purchase and Travel and Fleet Management:

The Mississippi State Fire Academy applies forcible entry props for numerous programs across the campus These purchases will greatly enhance our ability to deliver quality forcible entry classes. These props will be utilized in every 1001 Basic Recruit Program, Fireground Leadership, Truck Company Operations and many more.

Tradesman Fire & Fabrication is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the FEDSS (Forcible Entry Door Stile System). No other company makes a similar or competing product. This product must be purchased directly by institutions from Tradesman LLC. Additionally, competition is precluded by the existence of United States Patent 10,688,328, granted June 23, 2020.

The Academy has requested and obtained a quote that the agency has deemed fair in price. The Academy advertised its intent to sole source for fourteen days and waited for seven days for a response. The Academy advertised in the local newspaper as well as MPTAP portal.

No objections were received during the requisite timeframe.

Terry Wages

Executive Director