**MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRE ACADEMY**

**Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

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

Mississippi State Fire Academy issues this notice in accordance with Mississippi state law, policy, and procedures for sole source procurements.

**Schedule:**

First Advertisement Date: 02/21/2024

Second Advertisement Date: 02/28/2024

Response Deadline from Objectors: 03/13/2024

Notice of Award: 03/13/2024 at 3:00 P.M. CST

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

 E.C.R. Man vs. Machine Auger Prop

 E.C.R. Machine Press & Impalement Prop

 E.C.R. Meat Grinder Prop-Table Top

2. Explanation of the need to be fulfilled by this item(s) and why it is the only one that can

 meet the specific needs of the department:

 These props will serve as the flagship props of the pilot MSFA Man Vs. Machine course.

 East Coast Rescue Solutions props are designed, fabricated and sold solely by ECRS. They

 do not have any dealers or distributors.

3. Name of Company/individual selling the item or service and why that source is the only

possible source that can provide the required item(s):

East Coast Rescue Solutions

Christ Minichiello/Owner

917-886-2579 / www.eastcoastrescuesolutions.com

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4. Estimated cost of item(s)/services and an explanation why the amount to be expended

 is considered reasonable:

 The quote provided is $9545.00, which includes labor, travel time and airfare costs.

5. 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:

After searching for companies that would be able to provide the quality product needed for our Pilot course, it was determined that East Coast Rescue Solutions is the only company that distributes or sells this type of prop. They also offer a two-year warranty.

**Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties**

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the Man vs. Machine Auger Prop, Machine press & Impalement Prop and the Meat Grinder Prop-Table Top should not be certified as a sole source, should provide in the Vendor Form (Attachment A) for the State to use in determining whether to proceed with awarding the sole source to East Coast Rescue Solutions. The Vendor Form may be found at

<http://www.dfa.ms.gov/media/1591/objectiontosolesourcedetermination.pdf>.

Objections must include the certification in Attachment B

Comments will be accepted at any time prior to Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., CST.

Responses may be delivered via email to lmayo@msfa.ms.gov **MISSISSIPPI FIRE ACADEMY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN DELIVERY OF RESPONSES.** It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach Mississippi Fire Academy on time. Responses received after the deadline and responses that lack all required information will be rejected. Mississippi Fire Academy reserves the right to inspect Interested Party’s commodity for comparison purposes.

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Laura Mayo at 601-932-2444 or lmayo@msfa.ms.gov.

Vendor Form

Attachment B (Objection Certification)