**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: 04/19/2023

Second Advertisement Date: 04/26/2023

Response Deadline from Objectors: 05/03/2023

Notice of Award: 05/15/2023 at 2:00 P.M. CST

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

Forcible Entry Door Stile System (FEDSS)

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:

This product will greatly enhance our ability to deliver quality forcible entry classes.

Tradesman Fire & Fabrication is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the FEDSS; no

other company makes a similar or competing product. Competition is precluded by the

existence of United States Patent 10,688,328, granted on June 23, 2020.

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):

Tradesman Fire and Fabrication/Tradesman LLC

1278 Cannon Bottom Rd.

Belton, SC 29627

703-786-5966

TradesmanFire@gmail.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 $12,065.00.

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:

Afterresearching vendors or manufacturers of a forcible entry prop, it was determined thatbased on the fire training needs of the Fire Academy, Tradesman Fire & Fabrication/Tradesman LLC, is the only company that can provide the forcible entry props that meet the requirements of the Fire Academy. Additionally, any competition for similar products are precluded by the existence of a US pantent.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to believe that Tradesman Fire & Fabrication/Tradesman LLC 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 Tradesman Fire & Fabrication/Tradesman LLC. 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, May 3, at 3:00 P.M, CST.

Responses may be delivered via email to [lmayo@msfa.ms.gov](mailto: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](mailto:lmayo@msfa.ms.gov).

Vendor Form

Attachment B (Objection Certification)