**SOLE SOURCE INFORMATION**

**1. Question: What commodity is the agency seeking to procure?**

**Answer: MDOT is seeking to procure a Ground Tire Rubber (GTR) cell testing device accessory for the Materials Division.**

**2. Question: Why is this commodity the only one that can meet that can meet the needs of the agency?**

**Answer: The Ground Tire Rubber (CTR) cell testing device accessory will connect and be compatible to an existing piece of equipment (Dynamic Shear Rehometer) used by the Materials Division.**

**3. Question: Why is the source the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity?**

**Answer: This commodity is manufactured by one company. This commodity must be compatible with the existing system used by MDOT. There is no other system that is compatible with the existing system. The manufacture sells directly and does not sell to distributors.**

**4. Question: Why is the amount to be expended for this commodity reasonable?**

**Answer: The amount to be expended for this commodity is quoted by the manufacture. This amount is felt to be reasonable for the quote given to MDOT.**

**5. Question: What did the agency do to obtain the best possible price for the commodity?**

**Answer: The agency is running an ad in the local newspaper and entered an RFIN into the MAGIC portal to obtain as much information as possible on the availability and pricing of the item in question. The agency also negotiated with the vendor to obtain the best price possible for the commodity.**

**6. Question: Who needs to be contacted if a person or entity wants to object to this sole source procurement?**

**Answer: Anyone wishing to protest this sole source procurement should give a detailed explanation on the Objection to Sole Source Determination (OSS) form that is attached in this RFIN as to why the commodity is not sole source procurement and should notify the following:**

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