SOLE SOURCE INFORMATION

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

Answer: MDOT is seeking to procure a sole source procurement for a Rollover Simulator.

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

Answer: The Highway Safety Division of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting the sole source for a Rollover Simulator. The simulator is a truck body mounted to a modified trailer that rotates horizontally 360 degrees about a fixed point to simulate what happens to vehicle occupants when they are unbelted in a rollover crash event. The simulator will be a part of MDOT's Safety Education Outreach Program. The program allows MDOT to inform the general public about safety while operating a vehicle.

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

Answer: The manufacturer is the only supplier for the various for the Rollover Simulator. The Manufacturer does not sell to any distributors.

4. Question: Why is the amount to be expended for these commodities reasonable?

Answer: The amount to be expended for this commodity is quoted by the manufacturer. 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 commodities?

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 items in question. The agency also negotiated with the vendor to obtain the best price possible for the requested commodities.

6. Questions: 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 a sole source procurement and should notify the following:

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