# Mississippi State UniversityNotice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

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

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

Temperature Depth Recorders (TDRs) from Lotek Wireless Inc. (LAT1400, LAT Tag, 64 kb, 1000m TDR: 11 mm Bullet Shape)

## Explanation of the need to be fulfilled by this item(s), how is it unique from all other options, and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:

These Temperature Depth Recorders (TDRs) are needed for data continuity on a grant-funded project. In year 1 of the project, we obtained two quotes for these commodities. Lotek Wireless was the lowest price, which dictated our original purchase. All future TDRs purchased need to be from Lotek Wireless to ensure data continuity for this project, so that data obtained for all project years are directly comparable.

## Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):

Lotek Wireless Inc. makes the specific temperature depth recorders required for this project.

## Estimated cost of item(s) and an explanation why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:

Total cost is $129,775.00, which includes 300 LAT1400 TDRs ($432.25 each) and related LAT software ($100). This cost is reasonable and comparable to previous costs. These costs have been budgeted for this grant project, as they are necessary for data collection.

## 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:

These items are specially made by Lotek Wireless, Inc. Because these items were the lowest price in Year 1 of the project, we must purchase these items for the remainder of the project to ensure data continuity. The vendor is providing a 5% discount on the purchase.

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the commodity listed is not sole source and can be provided by another person or entity shall submit a written notice to:

Jennifer Mayfield, CPPO
Interim Deputy Director of Procurement & Contracts
jmayfield@procurement.msstate.edu
Subject Line must read “Sole Source Objection”

The notice shall contain a detailed explanation of why the commodity is not a sole source procurement. Appropriate documentation shall also be submitted if applicable.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, MSU determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then MSU will withdraw the sole source request publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the commodity to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

If MSU determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then MSU will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. MSU will have the burden of proving that the commodity is only provided by one (1) source.