

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

SS 293

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

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

Vicon Vero v2.2 Near IR Cameras

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:

The Vicon Vero v2.2 Near IR Cameras are near IR cameras to add to our existing motion capture system from Vicon. These camera track reflective markers are used to build kinematic models of human motion. The cameras are an add-on to our existing Vicon Nexus system which is integrated in our lab setting for our motion capture capability. The Vicon Vero v2.2 Near IR Cameras are the only commodity that are capable to integrate into our existing system as our existing system is a Vicon system. The Vicon Vero v2.2 Near IR Cameras are the only cameras that are cross compatible with the system we are currently using in the lab as they are the same company. Other motion capture cameras are not compatible to the Vicon Nexus system as all the cameras are propriety to their companies.

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

Vicon is the only company who manufacture Vicon Vero Series 2.2 Mega Pixel optical cameras which are compatible with the existing system at Ole Miss running the TSeries cameras. Hardware from any other vendor would require a complete replacement of our Motion Capture system. The current cameras at 100% compatible with our existing system on campus.

Why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

Vicon serves as our best option and existing system. There are a number of vendors with similar technologies which would require a complete system purchase ranging in the \$80k-\$100k range. Motion capture cameras can range from \$4500 to \$10,000 per camera. The Vicon Vero NIR cameras pricing is in line with the pricing of other similar cameras. Additionally, we are receiving a discount on the cameras based on the fact we have an existing system with which the Vero cameras are compatible.

Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:

We reached out to Vicon for a quote. After discussion, we asked about pricing and discounts due to our current system configuration and compatibility. We know this is the best price we can receive on these cameras.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties:

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the item(s) above should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for UM to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the Sole Source purchase.

1.1 Interested Party Information

1.1.1 Contact Name, Phone Number, Address and email address

1.1.2 Company Website URL, if applicable

1.2 Objection to Sole Source Certification

1.2.1 Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification using the criteria listed above.

1.2.2 A statement regarding the Interested Party's capabilities as related to this Sole Source Certification Request.

1.3 Comments will be accepted at any time prior to Monday, October 31, 2022 at 10:00 am (Central Time) to Katherine Jones at kajones4@olemiss.edu (with Cc: to purchase@olemiss.edu) at The University of Mississippi Procurement Services Department, 164 Jeanette Phillips Drive, PO Box 1848, University, Mississippi 38677. Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, or e-mail. The envelope or email should reference the sole source number. UM WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES. It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach UM on time. Interested Parties may contact Katherine Jones to verify the receipt of their Responses. Responses received after the deadline will be rejected.

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

If UM determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then UM will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board for approval to purchase.