

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

SS 303

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):

Leistritz Extrusion Model AL-04.0 Flexible Lip Sheet Die (with Micro18 timing block #3043245).

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 Leistritz 4-inch sheet die is an upgrade to the existing Micro18GL Twin-screw extruder in our lab to continue research in multilayer polymeric materials, composites, and films. The Leistritz 4-inch sheet die is custom made for the Micro18GL Twin-screw extruder and cannot be purchased from another vendor to ensure full compatibility with our Micro18GL Twin-screw extruder (also Leistritz brand). The 4-inch sheet die will increase our materials processing capabilities whereby we will be able to produce 3-to-4-inches wide sheets and films. Currently, the extruder does not have such an important accessory, so we need to upgrade it. This will allow us to prepare a series of materials and combine them in a multilayered system for ballistic studies among many other applications that involve polymeric and nanocomposite materials that require a sheet/film geometry for applications. This is an accessory that can only be supplied by the manufacturer of such an equipment.

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

Leistritz Extrusion Technology Company custom makes this part for the existing Micro18GL Twin-screw extruder. To ensure full compatibility with the existing equipment, this part needs to be purchased from the manufacturer of the original extruder (Leistritz). This will also ensure that future maintenance of the equipment and this part can all be done by the original vendor at one time. Other vendors were discussed, but it was decided that to ensure full compatibility with the existing extruder, the original vendor of the equipment should provide this part.

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

The price for Model AL-04.0 Flexible Lip Sheet Die (with Micro18 timing block #3043245) is reasonable since the part is being custom-made.

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

We discussed upgrade with vendor and negotiated a 20% discount.

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 Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:00 am (Central Time) to Frank Kemp at fbkemp@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 Frank Kemp 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.