

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

SS 317

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):

Axon Taser 10 Conductive Energy Weapon (CEW) manufactured by Axon Enterprises, Inc.

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:

Axon is the only manufacturer that has a single shot capability with a 10-shot magazine and a 45ft range for their CEW's. The department needs the capability to immediately incapacitate individuals without the use of deadly force. This unit provides the operator with the ability to deliver up to ten probes to a target with pinpoint accuracy up to 45 feet away. This ability lessens the possibility of an errant probe striking a sensitive area such as the face or groin, reducing the department's liability exposure. The ability to fire multiple single probes accurately and in rapid succession reduces the possibility of a loss of electrical circuit completion, therefore reducing the need for repeated uses of the ECW and further reduces the possibility of an excessive force complaint against the department. No other conductive energy weapon currently available is capable of firing probes at this distance or in this configuration.

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

Axon Enterprises, Inc. Attn: Blake Giles 17800 N 85th St. Scottsdale, AZ. 85255

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

The purchase price will be divided over five years and billed annually as indicated in the quote. The price per officer per month that was given to the department is less than the market value of the commodity. This is a discount of 7.99%

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

Negotiations resulted in a 7.99% discount from the company's list price, resulting in total savings of \$12,756.

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, May 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (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.