

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

SS 326

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):

1. Affinity ITC Degassing Station (6326, Waters TA instruments)
2. DSC Accessory Kit (970011.901, Waters TA instruments)
3. Press and Dies Kit for DSC (901600.901)

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:

All three items are specifically designed to be operated with our existing instrumentation (namely our ITC and DSC). There are no other commodities capable of integrating with the currently used system.

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

Waters TA Instruments: The DSC and ITC are both made by Waters/TA instruments. These are specially designed to fit with our existing equipment to make it functional. The DSC model that we currently have is an older model, and the parts for it will soon be obsolete. If we purchased the items from another vendor, we would have to either purchase everything separately or get a kit that doesn't include everything we are getting from the proposed vendor. Other vendors have similar items, but they are not compatible with the models we have.

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

A comparison of like items shows UM will pay less for these items than similar commodities offered by other vendors in the industry.

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

The university negotiated an academic discount and completed thorough market research of other commodities offered in the industry.

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, July 17, 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.