

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

SS 336 HAAS Model VF-2SSYT CNC Vertical Milling Machine

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):

Haas model VF-2SSYT CNC (computer numerical control) vertical milling machine.

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 Haas machinery has been chosen because of our 25+ years of experience of operation and machining with Haas software. All of our research apparatus, pieces, and parts have been created using Haas machining software. We have an extensive catalog of digital file programs which are all based on Haas machine language. Due to the incompatibility of other machine brands and the Haas software, any modification, repair, improvement, or replacement utilizing other-than Haas machinery would render the National Center for Physical Acoustic's (NCPA) research ineffective and unusable.

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

Hugh Sims Haas Factory Outlet, Trident Southeast, LLC

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

University records show the price to be paid is within reasonable inflation limits from past pricing. Additionally, comparable machinery with other brands in the industry can be purchased in the same cost range as what UM will pay for this acquisition.

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

UM has been given discounts to further reduce the cost of the machinery.

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 Wednesday, August 16th, 2023 at 10:00 am (Central Time) to Aaron Stone at awstone@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.