

USM SSP 23_015 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchases of the following:

Four Channel Gas Delivery Module (GDM)

RFx: 3150004690

http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Bid

Comments/objections will be received as required per Section 31-7-13 (C) of the Mississippi Code until 8:00 a.m. (Central Time) on December 16th, 2022.

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the commodity listed is not sole source and can be provided by another person or entity shall submit written notice, by 8:00 AM CST, December 16th, 2022.

to:

Steve Ballew

Director of Procurement & Contracts 118 College Dr. Box 5003 Hattiesburg, MS 39406

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Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection – USM SSP 23_015"

The notice shall contain a detailed explanation of why the commodity is not a sole source procurement. Appropriate documentation shall also be submitted if applicable.

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

If USM determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then USM will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. USM will have the burden of proving that the commodity is only provided by one (1) source.

Run Dates:

12.02.22

12.09.22

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

1. Description of the commodity that USM is seeking to procure:

Four-Channel Gas Delivery Module (GDM) is a custom gas delivery system designed specifically for the TA Instruments Discovery TGA (1st Gen).

2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:

This custom gas delivery expands the testing capability of the Discovery TGA by allowing 4 different gases to be supplied to the instrument and custom blending of binary mixtures of gasses to be delivered to the sample test chamber. Failure to purchase would not allow us to measure the effect of the different gasses on the absorption and degradation of polymers in various atmospheres.

3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:

TA Instruments does not sell equipment through distributors.

4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

TA Instruments is the only vendor of this custom unit, Four-Channel Gas Delivery Module (GDM), and the only price of \$9,190.

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

TA Instruments is the only vendor of this custom unit and does not sell through distributors. The unit is specifically made to fit the TA Instruments Discovery TGA (1st Gen).

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	12.02.22
2nd scheduled	12.09.22

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