

USM SSP 23\_018 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchases of the following:

Gravimetric Twin Screw Feeder and Its associated components.

RFx: 3150004694

[http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract\\_bid\\_search/Bid](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 January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

to:

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Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection – USM SSP 23\_018"

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:**

**12.14.22**

**12.21.22**

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 23\_018**

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:**

Gravimetric Twin Screw Feeder and its associated components.

The associated components are: Set double spiral screws SS13/10 DDSR20, Set of twin concave screws TC20/12 for DDSR20, set of twin concave screws TC20/20 for DSR20, Horizontal Outlet Tube 200T for DDSR20 2.0, Horizontal Outlet Tube 223T for DDSR20 2.0, Secondary cooled feeder adaptor, and feeder stand.

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

This equipment is needed for working with Graphene compounds. It must interface with our current extrusion system and data acquisition system for the work. Must be serviceable by Thermo Electron.

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

The Extrusion system in house is made by Thermo Electron who uses proprietary software for system control and data acquisition. Thermo Electron is the only company that can provide this.

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

It is the only one on the market that can interface with our current equipment.

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

Have discussed quotes and options with other possible vendors. None can be verifiable to work with Thermo Electrons' proprietary software and existing in-house equipment. Nor will they be supported by Thermo Electron to work with their system.

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<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>12.14.22</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>12.21.22</b>

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