

USM SSP 23_020 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchases of the following:

Large Volume Water Transfer System (Qty 3)

RFx: 3150004740

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 February 2nd, 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, February 2nd, 2023.

to:

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Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection – USM SSP 23_020"

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:

01.19.23

01.26.23

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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:

McLane Research Laboratories, Large Volume Water Transfer System (dual vertical intake FH), 8L/min pump head. Qty 3.

These samplers are battery-powered pumps, fitted with filter heads, that can be deployed on a wire from a ship and sample water at great depth.

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

This is the only company that makes such a water sampler. Traditional water collection devices or bottles can collect a maximum of about 20 liters, whereas these pumps are designed to collect 1000 liters of water at a time. This large volume is required to analyze trace elements that can be used to quantify the sinking of organic carbon particles in the ocean.

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

McLane Research Laboratories, Inc. holds the patent for the technology used in their pumps and filter heads and thus they are the only company that can sell them.

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

Each pump unit has been quoted at \$45,550 and we have been funded to acquire 3 units so that multiple samples can be collected at one time. Multiple collection allows us to reduce the amount of ship time we need to pay for to collect an adequate number of samples from an exploration site. Total: \$136,650.

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

I did inquire with another company (Ocean Scientific International Ltd) that is selling another type of instrument that can collect marine particles called the Giant Marine Snow

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Catcher. This is a large bottle sampler that can collect up to 370 liters of water. This would still be an insufficient volume of water for the analyses I am funded to make and thus we need the McLane Large Volume Water Sampler.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	01.19.23
2nd scheduled	01.26.23

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