USM SSP 24\_011 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of a CTD System that includes the Underwater Unit, Deck Unit, and Water Sampler.

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

RFx: 3150005301

Comments/objections will be received as required per Section 31-7-13 (C) of the Mississippi Code until 2:00 p.m. (Central Time) on November 28, 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 a written notice to:

Millissa Stork  
Procurement Coordinator

703 East Beach Dr. Ocean Springs, MS 39564  
[bids@usm.edu](mailto:bids@usm.edu)  
Phone: 228-818-8001

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 24\_011"

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 11/06/2023 AND 11/13/2023.