

MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase #0301-25
RFx # 3150000994

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

Commodity or commodities to be purchased (make, model, description):

The Mississippi Public Health Laboratory (MPHL) plans to purchase a 3M Petrifilm Plate Reader to automate counting bacterial colonies for dairy testing.

Product List Number	Product Description	Product Price	Quantity	Extended Price
6499	Petrifilm Plate Reader	\$5,912.38	1	\$5,912.38

Explanation of 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 MPHL is certified by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) to perform microbiological testing on dairy products produced by Mississippi dairy farms. Dairy samples are set-up on specific bacterial media and incubated. Bacterial colonies that are isolated must be identified, the number of colonies counted and recorded to determine if the samples meet the FDA requirements for distribution for consumption. The 3M Petrifilm Plate Reader is needed to automate counting bacterial colonies. The reader will decrease manpower hours needed to perform manual colony counts and improve testing efficiency and quality. The 3M Petrifilm Plate Reader is the only automated reader approved by the FDA to count aerobic colonies on dairy samples. The MPHL must adhere to the FDA regulations for dairy testing in order to maintain its certification by using approved methods. 3M is the sole manufacturer and sole vendor of this instrument and sells directly to laboratories.

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

The 3M Petrifilm Plate Reader is solely manufactured and distributed by 3M.

Estimated cost of item(s) and an explanation why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:

- Estimated Cost: \$5,912.38
- The MPHL received all applicable discounts off list price for public health laboratories.

Explanation of the efforts taken by the department to determine this is the only source and the efforts used to obtain the best possible price:

- 3M is the sole manufacturer and sole vendor of this instrument and sells directly to laboratories.
- All applicable discounts were explored and applied.

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: Jennifer Dotson, Mississippi State Department of Health Purchasing Department, 570 E. Woodrow Wilson, Room 134 Underwood Building, Jackson, MS 39216 or P. O. Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215-1700.

Responses may be hand delivered, via regular mail, overnight delivery or by e-mail: Jennifer.dotson@msdh.ms.gov . The envelope or e-mail should reference the sole source number.

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. The enclosed form (OSS) may be used if you so desire.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, Mississippi State Department of Health determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then Mississippi State Department of Health 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 Mississippi State Department of Health determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, the Mississippi State Department of Health will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. Mississippi State Department of Health will have the burden of proving that the commodity is only provided by one (1) source.

Notices/objections, etc. will be accepted at any time prior to: _Monday, June 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. (CST)

