

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

SS 020

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

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

Custom double pulse laser shearography system with pixelated, instantaneous phase shifting interferometry

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 pulsed laser shearography system is the only one available that will allow recording of phase map shearograms using pulsed lasers. The system is based on unique technology patented by Metrolaser, Inc. This item is necessary to complete the work stated in Office of Naval Research contract # N00014-15-1-2894

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

Metrolaser, Inc is the only company that can provide a pulsed shearography system with the required sensitivity and flexibility needed for the research program. It is the only system that will meet the Office of Naval Research contract # N00014-15-1-2894 requirements. MetroLaser, Inc. has tremendous expertise in development and building whole field interferometric sensors based on its patented instantaneous phase-shift interferometry. MetroLaser, Inc. has agreed to design and build a pulsed shearography system specifically for the Office of Naval Research contract # N00014-15-1-2894 applications.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties:

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the item(s) above should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for UM to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the Sole Source purchase.

1.1 Interested Party Information

1.1.1 Contact Name, Phone Number, Address and email address

1.1.2 Company Website URL, if applicable

1.2 Objection to Sole Source Certification

1.2.1 Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification using the criteria listed above.

1.2.2 A statement regarding the Interested Party's capabilities as related to this Sole Source Certification Request.

1.3 Comments will be accepted at any time prior to Tuesday, December 22, 2015, at 3:00 pm (Central Time) to Katherine Jones at kajones4@olemiss.edu (with Cc: to purchase@olemiss.edu) at The University of Mississippi Procurement Services Department, 164 Jeanette Phillips Drive, PO Box 1848, University, Mississippi 38677. Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, or e-mail. The envelope or email should reference the sole source number. UM WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES. It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach UM on time. Interested Parties may contact Katherine Jones to verify the receipt of their Responses. Responses received after the deadline will be rejected.

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

If UM determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then UM will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board for approval to purchase.