

Mississippi Crime Laboratory  
 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase  
 Sole source # 3150000281

The Mississippi Crime Laboratory (MSCL) is seeking to purchase an upgrade of two existing scanning electron microscopes from Carl Zeiss Microscopy, LLC. This upgrade will be to install SmartSEM V05.09.

1. Description of the commodity or commodities the MSCL is seeking to procure:

Make & Model: SmartSEM V.05.09

Description: Zeiss EVO upgrade to update the current operating system of the Zeiss EVO scanning electron microscopes.

2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that can meet the needs of the Agency:

The ability to upgrade the scanning electron microscopes can only be performed by the manufacturer of the Zeiss Evo scanning electron microscopes.

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

The ability to upgrade the scanning electron microscopes can only be performed by the manufacturer making this product unique from all others. This is not available from any other manufacturers.

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

Estimated Cost:

Item	Unit Price	Line Total
2 SEM PC, Corei5, 1394b, SSD	\$3,182.40	\$3,182.4 x 2 = \$6,364.80
4 Hours of Labor	\$265.50 x 4=\$1,062	\$1,062.00 x 2 =\$2,124.00
8 Hours of Travel	\$238.50 x 8=\$1,908	\$1,908.00 x 2 =\$3,816.00
Total	\$6,152.40	\$12,304.80

Amount is within the expected price range of this items being requested.

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

Carl Zeiss Microscopy, LLC has quoted the MS Crime Lab a ten percent discount. All options to obtain the best possible price for the commodities have been taken.

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 should submit a written notice to:

Betsy Toles or Sonya Toaster  
Procurement Department  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 402  
1900 East Woodrow Wilson Avenue  
Jackson, MS 39216

The notice should contain a detailed explanation of why the commodity is not a sole source procurement, as well as, but not limited to the following information:

#### Interested Party Information

- Contact Name, Phone Number, and email address
- Company Website URL, if applicable

#### Objection to Sole Source Justification

- Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification, including, but not limited to the following:
  - a) A description of the commodity or commodities that Interested Party believes is comparable to the SmartSEM V.05.09;
  - b) An explanation of why Interested Party's commodity or commodities can also meet the needs of the agency; and
  - c) A list of sources from which Interested Party's commodity may be procured.
- If Interested Party claims that the SmartSEM V.05.09 is available from a source other than Carl Zeiss Microscopy, LLC, the objection must contain a written statement from Carl Zeiss Microscopy, LLC that the Interested Party is an authorized distributor or reseller of the SmartSEM V.05.09.

This information should be provided no later than Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 5:00 pm local time. Response may be delivered by hand, via regular mail or overnight delivery.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, MSCL determines that the commodity in the proposed sole-source request can be provided by another person or entity, then MSCL will withdraw the sole source request publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the commodity or commodities to an advertised competitive bid process.

If MSCL determines after the review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity or commodities, then MSCL will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. MSCL will have the burden of proving that the commodity or commodities is only provided by one (1) source.