

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 16-004

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:
 - a. SphygmoCor XCEL system from AtCor Medical – device for assessing central blood pressure (aortic BP), vascular stiffness (aortic pulse wave velocity), and other associated clinical parameters non-invasively.
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:
 - a. This is the only portable and FDA approved device which combines these measures into a single system.
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:
 - a. In a letter dated August 25, 2015, AtCor Medical confirms our research as their being the sole source provider of technology we need to non-invasively determine central (i.e., ascending aortic) blood pressure, carotid-femoral pulse wave velocity (cf-PWV), and associated clinical parameters, particularly because Sphygmo Cor system is the only FDA approved device that combines modalities on a single platform with Sphygmo Cor CPV and Sphygmo Cor XCEL.
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:
 - a. This is the only portable and FDA approved device which combines assessing central blood pressure, vascular stiffness, and other associate clinical parameters non-invasively.

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5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:
- a. Daniel P. Credeur with The University of Southern Mississippi School of Kinesiology has diligently attempted to contact all potential sources for products and/or services that will meet the needs of the department. The department is aware of the state laws requiring competition, and certifies they have factually and fairly determined the needs of the department.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	September 17, 2015
2nd scheduled	September 24, 2015

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:

Steve Ballew

Director of Procurement & Contracts

Steve.ballew@usm.edu

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection"

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.

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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.