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Date: September 10, 2015
To: Retha Gregory
Procurement Director – MDOT
From: Nick Walters [REDACTED]
District Fiscal Administrator
Re: Sole Source Procurement Authority

We recently purchased four (4) low mast light poles from Union Metal in December 2014 with sole source approval. These poles are custom decorative poles made only by Union Metal. This series of light poles span the entire length of the Biloxi – Ocean Springs Bridge and for several hundred feet on each side of the approaches. In total, there are approximately 80 of these poles at this site. We have used these four light poles to replace damaged poles at this site. Because of the long lead time with manufacturing of these poles (twelve to fourteen weeks), we are requesting authority to purchase ten more poles and place them on warehouse inventory. Placing these poles on inventory will allow MDOT to respond much more quickly when the next pole gets damaged due to a vehicle accident. Should you need additional information please give us a call.