

SOLE SOURCE INFORMATION

1. Question: What commodity is the agency seeking to procure?

Answer: MDOT is seeking to procure ten (10) each 35' nominal height 16 sharp flute low mast light poles with special tenon top, breakaway coupling & skirt and forty (40) each 1-1/4" X 48" anchor bolts for these poles.

2. Question: Why is this commodity the only one that can meet the needs of the agency?

Answer: These poles must match the existing light poles and anchor bolts that are on the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Bridge to maintain the aesthetic integrity of the bridge.

3. Question: Why is the source the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity?

Answer: This commodity is produced with a mandrel that is unique and is owned by the manufacturer of the original poles that were supplied in the construction of the bridge. This company is the only one that can produce the 16 flute poles that are needed to match the original poles on the bridge.

4. Question: Why is the amount to be expended for these commodities reasonable?

Answer: The amount per each per item to be expended for these commodities was accepted as reasonable in a sole source procurement in December, 2014, and the price is the same as it was then.

5. Question: What did the agency do to obtain the best possible price for the commodities?

Answer: The agency is running an ad in the local newspaper and entered an RFIN into the MAGIC portal to obtain as much information as possible on the availability and pricing of the items in question. The agency also negotiated with the vendor to obtain the best price possible for the commodities.

6. Questions: Who needs to be contacted if a person or entity wants to object to this sole source procurement?

Answer: Anyone wishing to protest this sole source procurement should give a detailed explanation on the Objection to Sole Source Determination (OSS) form that is attached in this RFIN as to why the commodity is not a sole source procurement and should notify the following:

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