

USM SSP 23_022 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of a Lunar IDXA2 MTY DEXA System

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Comments/objections will be received as required per Section 31-7-13 (C) of the Mississippi Code until 8:00 a.m. (Central Time) on March 17, 2023.

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

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bids@usm.edu

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 23_022"

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.

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.

Run Dates: 3/2, 3/9

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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:

The University of Southern Mississippi is requesting purchase of a Lunar IDXA2 MTY DEXA System to replace the existing Lunar IDXA2 machine (USM#0237424: reallocated for use in a different location on campus to fulfill the needs of the funding agency). USM#0237424 was purchased in 2020 via a successful sole source request as it served to replace the legacy PRODIGY 8743 X-Ray Tube, USM#186971 (machine at end-of-use life and is no longer supported for mechanical breakdowns), that was housed in the School of Kinesiology & Nutrition DEXA Laboratory.

2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:

The requested system (Lunar IDXA2 MTY DEXA) is compatible with data collected on both previous machines (see above). Using corresponding GE Software, the School of Kinesiology & Nutrition has archived data collected from November 2022 through August 2020 (data collected with USM#0237424) and January 2003 through December 2019 on data collected using the legacy machine (PRODIGY USM#186971). It is imperative the School be able to maintain access to the legacy databases, and trust measures from a new system will be consistent to measures taken from both previous machines. The requested machine will allow for both access and manipulation of achieved data without requiring any bridging software or techniques as new data will be collected using the same innate GE software. Further, trustworthiness between systems to allow for direct longitudinal comparisons of research participants will be afforded.

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

Upon contacting GE Healthcare about vendors and distribution, they are the exclusive vendor.

Any subsequent availabilities indicate refurbished or used machines.

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

This item is listed as less than or equal to other DEXA machines that do not meet the compatibility requirements.

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

Discount was negotiated.

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