

USM SSP 23_027 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of LAI-2200C Plant Canopy Analyzer.

http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Bid

RFx: 3150005030

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 June 19, 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

Director of Procurement & Contracts 118 College Dr. Box 5003 Hattiesburg, MS 39406

bids@usm.edu

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 23_027"

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: 6/4, 6/11

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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: LAI-2200C Plant Canopy Analyzer with Tall Canopy package.
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:
We already own an older model LAI-2200C. We want to coordinate measurements at different sites and the readings need to be made on the same type of instrument. Other canopy analyzers exist for measuring crop canopies, but this is the only one suitable for forest (i.e., overhead) canopies. I've also attached a letter from LI-COR explaining the instrument's capabilities and how these differ from crop canopy analyzers.
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: LI-COR does not sell equipment through secondary vendors. You can only buy their instruments from the manufacturer.
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: We received quotes prior to purchasing and have secured funds in a grant specifically for this instrument. The funding agency (U.S. Forest Service) has approved this budget item.
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:
We already own the software package for this instrument, so we will save that money.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	6/4/2023
2nd scheduled	6/11/2023

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