

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 19\_022**

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:

**IVER3-compatible housing section containing a 360 degree pulsed laser line scan transmitter, control-timing-acquisition electronics, with interchangeable detector array assemblies for test and evaluation in both air and underwater**

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

**No such system that has the required combination of scan angle (360 degrees), scan rate, pulse repetition rate and pulse energy exists anywhere else. SeaBeam LLC is the only vendor that has technology that allows the integration of an LLS system into the 6” diameter housing provide by the Iver3 AUV platform with a sensor array that is sensitive over a field of view necessary for the planed 360 degree system.**

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

**BeamSea Associates LLC is the sole manufacturer and exclusive distributor of the PLLS-360.**

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

**The closest item of off the shelf apparatus available have costs exceeding \$250K and with scan field of only 70 degrees do not get close to the required 360 degree scan angle.**

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5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:  
**The department researched to try and find other vendors that could provide the needed apparatus but there were no other vendors. The price was negotiated for the lowest possible.**

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>6/9/19</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>6/16/19</b>

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.

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.