

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_018

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: **Renewal of software support for Virtual Reference Station/ VRS Net for the GPS Infrastructure Software. The Trimble Systems offers unique features to retain collected data in the event the base GPS system loses communication connectivity. Should the Wide Area Network (WAN) or Internet fail, the system alarm will alert and recover all data through a store and forward function.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **As a system, Trimble hardware and software is tightly coupled in design and operation. Substitution of any system components is untested and may result in degraded performance.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **As a system, Trimble hardware and software is tightly coupled in design and operation. Substitution of any system components is untested and may result in degraded performance.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **This is a reoccurring annual maintenance renewal on an existing system.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **This is a reoccurring annual maintenance renewal on an existing system.**

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_018

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	1/24/2020
2nd scheduled	1/31/2020

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.