

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_021

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: **USM have received funding from NOAA to review other Non-NOAA Government digital data sets for incorporation into the NOAA charting system. This requires downloading digital data and editing and manipulating the data into a format that is acceptable to the NOAA charting department.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **Our client NOAA uses CARIS software and when delivering our work product it will be compatible.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **QPS, PFMABE, LP360 - none meet the requirements that CARIS supplies also the grant holder only utilizes CARIS. It is the industry standard.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **Other software packages that perform multi level processes are priced in the 5-10K per license price range. CARIS HIPS/SIPS is comparable.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **We have worked with the vendor and receive the best discounted price available.**

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	2/10/20
2nd scheduled	2/17/20

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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.