

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 20\_024**

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 PRODIGY 8743 X-Ray Tube, USM#186971 (machine at end-of-use life and is no longer supported for mechanical breakdowns), 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 Lunar IDXA2 MTY DEXA system is compatible with data collected on the existing PRODIGY, USM#186971. The School of Kinesiology & Nutrition has achieved data collected from January 2003 through December 2019 on the PRODIGY using corresponding GE Software. It is imperative the School be able to maintain access to the legacy database and trust measures from a new system will be consistent to measures taken from the legacy machine (USM#186971). The requested machine will allow for both access and manipulation of achieved data and trustworthiness between systems to allow for direct longitudinal comparisons of research participants.**

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.**

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

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**This item is priced reasonably for meeting the needs required by USM.**

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

**Discount was negotiated.**

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>3/16/20</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>3/23/20</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 MSU 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.