

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_025

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:

35°C to 250°C High Temperature Heater/Cooler Package for Dimension SPMs
Provides sample heating and temperature control from -35°C to 250°C for samples
in air or other inert gases.

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

- **Includes peristaltic pump, reservoir, gas and fluid manifold, tubing and accessories specially configured to operate together.**
- **Includes Bruker Thermal Applications Controller (TAC) heater/cooler controller with digital readout.**
- **Includes -35 to 100-degree element, ambient to 250-degree element, cantilever holder with tip heating, stage base with purge ports, and other accessories.**
- **For Contact TappingMode or PeakForce Tapping operation in air.**
- **Compatible with most SPM modes and Application Modules. (Electrical modes require separate Special cantilever holder. Temperature range for some modes may be limited by condensation, oxidation, or cantilever holder limitations.)**

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

The commodity that meets the specifications mentioned above is only provided by
Bruker Nano, Inc.

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

Given all the accessories and applications that can be performed with the commodity, they are exclusive and unique to help improve and expand the development of sample analysis studies, and therefore support the education of leading researchers.

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

Other manufacturers of scientific instruments were contacted but none of them provide such commodity. USM negotiated pricing with the vendor.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	3/16/20
2nd scheduled	3/23/20

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.

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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.