

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_031

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: **Covestro PS8010 NAT M2 18 mil 48” thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) radio frequency (RF) weldable film.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **Continued research efforts in our Extreme Environments research project require larger quantities of a radio frequency (RF) weldable thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) film for scale-up of prototype materials. Covestro developed the composition of PS8010 and is the sole producer/supplier of the product, which is necessary to our continued research efforts.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **PS8010 is proprietary to Covestro TPU polymer and Covestro does not sell this product through distributors.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **The cost is reasonable given the amount of material being purchased. Covestro, in general practice, only sells their TPU films in 2,000 lb. minimum order quantities but has agreed to sell USM 1,000 lbs.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **As the sole manufacturer of the PS8010 material Covestro prices their material based on their business model. USM negotiated the best pricing for the material.**

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	5/11/2020
2nd scheduled	5/18/2020

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.