

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_022

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:

- **RBRquartz Q (BPR3-M41-BEC41-SP42-ST44) pressure tide gauge and**
- **RBRconcerto CTD (L3-M11-BEC11-G1-SC11-ST11-SP11), with instrument case and prepaid calibration and extended warranties.**
- **Instrument case (CASE_B) for storage and transport**
- **Extended warranties and prepaid calibrations**

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

This RBRquartz offshore tide gauge, moored on the seafloor, measuring water pressure and density at sufficient levels is the only pressure sensor available that can meet the research goals of The University of Southern Mississippi and the research goals of the International Hydrographic Organization and the US National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **RBR Ltd., is the only direct supplier of RBR products to customers based in North America.**

4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **The University of Southern Mississippi is receiving research discounts on the quoted items which makes the amount reasonable.**

5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **USM looked for other distributors of the RBR products but could not locate any.**

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_022

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	2/21/20
2nd scheduled	2/28/20

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.

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.