

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_035

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 an AMTI Mobius Force-Sensing Tandem Treadmill for use with the Qualisys Tracking System and Motion Capture Cameras, and existing DAQ systems, and AMTI BP400600 force plates housed in the School of Kinesiology & Nutrition Biomechanics Laboratory.
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: The AMTI Force-Sensing Tandem Treadmill is the only tandem that is fully compatible with existing Qualisys Tracking System and Motion Capture Camera System, existing DAQ systems, and existing force plates. The AMTI Force-Sensing Tandem Treadmill patent is held by the US Government and exclusively licensed to be manufactured and sold by AMTI. The original design was and is to conduct for the US Army biomechanics research.
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: The AMTI Force-Sensing Tandem Treadmill patent is held by the US Government and exclusively licensed to be manufactured and sold by AMTI.
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: The funding for this purchase is Department of Defense and U.S. Army Award #NSRDEC-W911QY-15-C-0038.

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

The department researched other vendors, but none could provide the needed equipment.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	6/15/20
2nd scheduled	6/22/20

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

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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.