

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 20_036

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: Rapid ILL is peer-to-peer based Interlibrary loan/resource sharing service rooted in quick request turn around. The service allows for institution designated borrowable holdings to be available to the community members with a promise from members to turn around requests within 24 hours. The majority of requests at around (90+%) are fillable. This service allows borrowing and requests to be automated through the user's ILL system to streamline fulfillment.
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: RapidILL provides industry-leading turnaround time and fill rates on interlibrary loan. Members commit to reciprocal lending and 24-hour turnaround time on lending. Rapid ILL has highly automated and efficient borrowing/lending workflows, lender identification at the journal article volume and year level, Central holdings database incorporating member-defined lendability terms. RapidILL provides lender load-leveling and automated routing based on time zone awareness. RapidILL is a cross-platform document delivery service with resource sharing groupings that facilitate requests between consortia! partners or peer institutions
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: RapidILL is a proprietary resource sharing service owned by Ex Libris (USA) Inc. No other party is authorized to offer it in the United States.

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4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: The price was negotiated down to less than the rest of the world is paying. It is a sole source.
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: We are only entering into a year-to-year contract in case budget cuts force us to cut this product.

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
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.

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