

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 21_004

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: **ARMS Support and Maintenance**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **the support and maintenance is for our ARMS system that we use for Records Management, Report Writing, Dispatching, Statistics and Compliance. These functions are vital to a Public Safety organization and it is essential that the software is supported to eliminate downtime.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **End2End is the sole provider of support and maintenance for ARMS.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **this is the price for support and maintenance from the sole source provider.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **We have been a customer for 24 years, which has helped us secure the best price possible for the services that is provided.**

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	7/20/2020
2nd scheduled	7/27/2020

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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.