

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 21_007

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 Software is the most comprehensive athletics administration tool on the market with an emphasis on date integrity, efficiency of work flow, reliability of information exchange across compliance, coaching, business, and administration platforms.

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

ARMS Software is the most comprehensive athletics administration tool on the market with an emphasis on date integrity, efficiency of work flow, reliability of information exchange across compliance, coaching, business, and administration platforms. Other similar platforms cater to compliance or business administration but ARMS combines a platform across multiple operations for purposes of efficiency, sustainability, security, transparency, and process automation.

3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:

Based on our research, ARMS is the only platform to incorporate all areas of administration that we need to operate effectively.

4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

Institutional control is a priority for The University of Southern Mississippi in an effort to promote and maintain an atmosphere of compliance.

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

We negotiate directly with ARMS to obtain the best price.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	7/31/2020
2nd scheduled	8/7/2020

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

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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.