

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 21_008

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: **Winthrop Intelligence provides us with a secure, searchable online database that contains salary data, game and employment contracts, financial reports, and business agreements among other data from other Athletic Departments across the country. This data is invaluable to the USM Athletic Department as we conduct business and try to find the best opportunities available to us.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **Winthrop Intelligence offers the most comprehensive data pertinent to the operation of intercollegiate athletics.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **Winthrop Intelligence offers the most comprehensive data pertinent to the operation of intercollegiate athletics.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **The service pays for itself year-over-year in helping us make informed business decisions by being able to compare and contrast information related to similar and dissimilar institutions.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **The Department of Athletics extensively looked for a comparable product, and could not find one that does the same things or has the same content as Winthrop Intelligence.**

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	9/1/2020
2nd scheduled	9/8/2020

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:

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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.