

The University of Southern Mississippi

Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase (07/2020)

21_009- VEMCO Acoustic Receivers & Transmitters

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 in “Objections.”

Commodity or commodities to be purchased (make, model, description):

Up to eighty (80) VR2W-69kHz Acoustic Receivers (69kHz) with Bluetooth Lithium Metal Tadiran 5930/F Battery Included.

Up to ten (10) VR2Tx- 69kHz Coded Acoustic Receiver with Transponder; Tx Pinger Config: User configurable Received Battery: D-cell Lithium Metal Tadiran 5930/F

Up to eight (8) VR2W-180kHz Coded Acoustic Receiver with Bluetooth Lithium Metal Tadiran 5930/F Battery Included.

Up to forty-five (45) V13-1x-A69-1602; Rounded Case (Species); Sensors NOT included Worldwide Unique ID Codes: TBD; 1) On 1016 days; Power H; Random Delay: 160 to 260 seconds Loop back to step 1; Estimated tag life 1016 days

Up to sixty-five (65) V9-2x-A69-1602; Rounded Case (Species); Sensors NOT included Worldwide Unique ID Codes: TBD; 1) On 573 days; Power H; Random Delay: 160 to 260 seconds Loop back to step 1; Estimated tag life 573 days

Up to twenty-four (24) V13-1x-A69-1602; External Cap (Sync Tag); Sensors NOT included Worldwide Unique ID Codes: TBD; 1) On 1825 days; Power H; Random Delay: 540 to 660 seconds, Loop back to step 1; Estimated tag life 1825 days

Up to ten (10) V9-2x-A69-1602 External Cap (Sentinel/Reference Tag); Sensors NOT included; Worldwide Unique ID Codes: TBD; 1) On 912 days; Power H; Random Delay: 540 to 660 seconds, Loop back to step 1; Estimated tag life 912 days

Up to ten (10) V13-1x-A69-1602; External Cap (Sentinel/ Reference Tag); Sensors NOT included; Worldwide Unique ID Codes: TBD; 1) On 1825 days; Power H; Random Delay: 540 to 660 seconds; Loop back to step I; Estimated tag life 1825 days

Up to two (2) V16-6x Transmitter (w/PVC Case); Worldwide Unique ID Codes: TBD; Programming: TBD; Estimated tag Life: TBD; An advisory concerning the use of cloned tags is attached. Tags should be deployed within 24 months of delivery; transmitters are only warrantied & supported for use with VEMCO receivers

Up to twenty-five (25) V5 Transmitter (Molded Case); Worldwide Unique ID Codes: TBD; Programming: TBD; Estimated Tag Life: TBD; Tags should be deployed within XX months of delivery; Transmitters are only warrantied & supported for use with VEMCO receivers

Up to two (2) Magnetic Activation Probe for Acoustic Receivers

Up to one (1) VTA- VEMCO 180 KHz Tag Activator- Deactivator Unit required to activate and deactivate V4 and V5 180kHz tags.

Explanation of the need to be fulfilled by this item(s) and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:

Our awarded grant specifically names the use of this technology because it is reliable and compatible with other ongoing studies related to fish movements. Vemco products are the standard technology for telemetry projects and ensure that future projects are not just compatible but collaborative. By using this technology equipment already in-hand and tags already implanted in fish will be able to be detected.

Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):

InnovaSea Marine Systems Canada Inc., makes Vemco telemetry products that have become the industry standard for acoustic telemetry. Only this company makes these tags and receivers.

Explanation of why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:

Prices were obtained from Innovasea quote # Q-03015 and represent a fair price that has been relatively stable over the previous five years.

Explanation of the efforts taken by the department to determine this is the only source and the efforts used to obtain the best possible price:

Vemco technology is proprietary of InnovaSea Marine Systems Canada Inc. and therefore is the only vendor.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	7/29/2020
2nd scheduled	8/5/2020

Objections

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.