

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 21\_014**

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: A compact beamforming board (CBMF) for Kongsberg EM2040P MkII multibeam system.
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:  
The existing USM owned Kongsberg EM2040P MkII multibeam system can only utilize the CBMF board manufactured by Kongsberg. The system currently has one CBMF board, the second CBMF board is needed for increasing sonar data density of the existing Kongsberg EM2040P MkII multibeam system. This increased data density is necessary to obtain higher resolution seafloor maps.
3. Explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: The Kongsberg EM2040P MkII multibeam system is an advanced multibeam system owned by the USM. As the Kongsberg manufactured the initial sonar, the upgrades have to be also purchased from them as no other company can manufacture upgrades for Kongsberg. The Kongsberg does not have resellers/dealers, and hence the upgrades need to be purchased from the Kongsberg.
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: There is no second option in the industry that can provide the same upgraded functionality as the requested commodities will add to the existing Kongsberg EM2040P MkII sonar.

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5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:  
USM searched for other vendors to obtain competitive pricing but no other vendors were found.

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>10/16/2020</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>10/23/2020</b>

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.