

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 21\_029**

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: Worldshare ILL is the platform in which Tipasa is built on. Tipasa serves as the primary software for borrowing and lending materials between libraries nationally. It is the next generation cloud based product of our current ILL software, ILLiad. It is built to incorporate our library catalog's published holdings for borrowing and lending.
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: Tipasa incorporates the national bibliographic catalog network, WorldCat, in which we publish our libraries catalog. We utilize this catalog to promote discovery and maintain our catalog. It allows our users access to the world's largest bibliographic database, and therefore the largest resource sharing network. This extends our users research power exponentially and cannot be obtained by other products. By using Tipasa an upgraded and more efficient processing software will be available to libraries staff and users. It allows for much less hands on IT involvement for housing and administering the system.
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: It is the only software built to facilitate borrowing and lending of materials using OCLC's published national bibliographic catalog, WorldCat. USM publishes our library holdings to this catalog.

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4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: We pay this amount for Worldshare ILL now, monthly and Tipasa will actually be less money than what we are currently paying for ILLIAD.
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: We worked with the vendor to get the price below what we are currently paying for ILLIAD.

| <b>Advertisement Schedule</b>   | <b>Date</b>      |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b> | <b>3/12/2021</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b> | <b>3/19/2021</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.

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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.