

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 21_032

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: **Ex Libris – Primo. USM Libraries require a comprehensive and flexible discovery tool to integrate the multiple platforms, databases, and collections needed by the University community into a single search.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **Only Ex Libris Primo allows us to normalize the data from each system into the same interface no matter its original format.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **Other comparable discovery solutions do not meet our requirements. Some solutions such as Blacklight and Vufind are open source and necessitate having a standalone server as well as a full-time developer on staff, which University Libraries does not have. Some other solutions will only bring together one or two systems and not all our systems.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **The price was negotiated to a 3% increase this year and years 2 and 3 are only 4% opposed to their normal 5% increase annually.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **The price was negotiated to a 3% increase this year and years 2 and 3 are only 4% opposed to their normal 5% increase annually.**

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	4/8/21
2nd scheduled	4/15/21

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.