

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 21_033

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: **Math Works products are used in academic units for research, teaching, R&D, etc. Math Works will have open access for ease of administration through the Math Works portal, end user technical support, IT installation and support. MathWorks produces mathematical computing software for engineers, scientists, mathematicians, and researchers. MATLAB, the language of technical computing, is a programming environment for algorithm development, data analysis, visualization, and numeric computation. Simulink is a graphical environment for simulation and Model-Based Design of multi-domain dynamic and embedded systems.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency: **MATLAB, the language of technical computing, is a programming environment for algorithm development, data analysis, visualization, and numeric computation. Simulink is a graphical environment for simulation and Model-Based Design of multi-domain dynamic and embedded systems. MATLAB software is used in math, sciences, engineering, etc. It is the only software that can be used in all of those departments so that we can collaborate on projects for both teaching and research. MATLAB also provides access to over 90 toolboxes. Several of our courses rely on and much of our research depends on MATLAB.**

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3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity: **MATLAB software is used in math, sciences, engineering, etc. It is the only software that can be used in all of those departments so that we can collaborate on projects for both teaching and research. MATLAB also provides access to over 90 toolboxes. Several of our courses rely on and much of our research depends on MATLAB.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable: **MathWorks is a commercial software company. However, they do provide a significant academic discount for which USM qualifies for.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity: **We negotiated a better price and will receive more access for all of USM (faculty, researchers and students) and access to all products.**

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	5/5/21
2nd scheduled	5/12/21

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

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Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection"

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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.