

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 21_036

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:

Model SPC-210426-01 Windows 10 OS Upgrade with Refurbished NSV Controller & Computer for the existing Bruker Dimension Icon SPM Operating with NSV and Version v8.xx Software.

2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:

The existing system is running Windows XP operating system. The system has become outdated and is unable to connect to the internet. It is not possible to obtain acceptable images and data for SPSE research programs with the current system. The existing instrument is a Bruker instrument, and Bruker is the only source that can provide the upgrade. Bruker is the only source compatible with the existing Bruker Icon SPM.

3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:

The existing instrument is a Bruker instrument, and Bruker is the only source that can provide the upgrade. Bruker is the only source compatible with the existing Bruker Icon SPM.

4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

The refurbished system is approximately a third of the price of a new controller and computer from Bruker. The significant discount for the refurbished system is reasonable and affordable. It will allow multiple additional years of use for the SPM without the need to purchase an entirely new system.

5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	5/25/21
2nd scheduled	6/1/21

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.