

USM SSP 22\_016 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchases of the following:

Thruster Assembly (No Propeller)

RFx: 3150004163

[http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract\\_bid\\_search/Bid](http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Bid)

Comments/objections will be received as required per Section 31-7-13 (C) of the Mississippi Code until 8:00 a.m. (Central Time) on March 30, 2022.

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 written notice, by 8:00 AM CDT, March 30, 2022.

to:

Steve Ballew

Director of Procurement & Contracts

118 College Dr. Box 5003 Hattiesburg, MS 39406

[bids@usm.edu](mailto:bids@usm.edu)

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection – USM SSP 22\_016"

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.

**Run Dates:**

**03.15.22**

**03.22.22**

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 22\_016**

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:**

Thruster assembly with no propeller for the ISE Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV)

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

This is a replacement part for our current AUV vehicle. The thruster assembly is necessary to propel the vehicle in the water. It is a proprietary part.

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

As mentioned, this is a proprietary part that can only be provided by the original manufacturer of the vehicle.

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

International Submarine Engineering Ltd. (ISE), is the only manufacturer of the part and quoted amount is the replacement part value.

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

We worked with ISE to provide the best price available due to them being the only provider of the part.

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<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>3.15.22</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>3.22.22</b>

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