

USM SSP 22_017 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchases of the following:

Trimble R2 RTK Rover GPS Unit, Trimble TDC 600 Handheld Controller, Software Access & Accessories

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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 May 20th, 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 CST, May 20th, 2022.

to:

Steve Ballew

Director of Procurement & Contracts 118 College Dr. Box 5003 Hattiesburg, MS 39406

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Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection – USM SSP 22_017"

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:

05.06.22

05.13.22

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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:

Trimble R2 RTK rover GPS Unit, Trimble TDC 600 handheld controller, Software access & accessories.

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

This GPS technology upgrades our existing Trimble GPS receivers (currently more than 10 years old) as part of an externally-funded project to survey ground-surface positions and elevations. The Trimble units are compatible with other units owned by USM (i.e., GCGC) and faculty / staff are currently trained in using products by Trimble. Trimble is the only vendor that engineers, manufactures, sells, services, and supports a complete solution of GNSS hardware and software. This assures the University of full system compatibility, modernization paths and technical support.

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

Navigation Electronics, Inc. This company is the sole-source provider designated by Trimble to sell their products in our region (i.e., Mississippi, Louisiana). They are the only Trimble-approved company in the region to provide software access, technical support, and training.

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

\$13,362.50 is reasonable because we will be getting support along with the product. Since they are they only dealer in our area they can provide better technical support if we need it.

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

I have confirmed that NEI is the sole-source provider of Trimble GPS products in Mississippi. A sole source letter from Trimble has been provided.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	5.6.22
2nd scheduled	5.13.22

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