

USM SSP 23_019 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchases of the following:

HighPoint Campus Experience (HCX) Software

RFx: 3150004732

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 February 1st, 2023.

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, February 1st, 2023.

to:

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Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection – USM SSP 23_019"

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:

01.18.23

01.25.23

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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:

HighPoint Campus Experience (HCX) is software that will be used at The University of Southern Mississippi to provide a seamless, out-of-the-box mobile experience that integrates with our Oracle PeopleSoft Student Information System (SOAR). HighPoint Campus Experience is used by students to enroll in and manage classes, apply for and accept Financial Aid, conduct administrative tasks, review student account information, and provide career path exploration. Faculty and staff can use HighPoint Campus Experience to review student academic and financial information. This product also allows the ability to include custom processes where both can co-exist.

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

Highpoint Technology Solutions Inc. is the only company that provides the HighPoint Campus Experience product and is an Oracle PeopleSoft partner. Their solution design uniquely employs component interfaces, content references, and code that reside inside of Oracle Peoplesoft Campus Solutions and directly communicates with the Oracle PeopleSoft database. This transactional processing allows for real-time, secure communication with our student records. This special contemporary design and functionality ensures that changes are updated immediately in our enterprise student system (SOAR). This real-time processing assures the integrity and currency of students'

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records including Academic and Financial records. Faculty, Staff, and Advisors can use this functionality to search and verify student information and aid them in assisting with any questions and issues.

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

HighPoint Technology Solutions focuses only on Oracle PeopleSoft higher education customers and creates solutions that are specific to PeopleSoft systems and functionality. They are the only vendor that provides HighPoint Campus Experience (HCX) for Campus Solutions in Oracle PeopleSoft. They are the only mobile solution to reside inside Campus Solutions for both smart-device and WEB access. Some features that other vendors cannot provide include Guest/Guardian access, friends for social networking, enhanced class search and degree progress to see academic progress. We have investigated other Oracle PeopleSoft partners and the other vendors do not integrate with PeopleSoft Campus Solutions providing the end-to-end functionality for mobile devices that HighPoint Technology Solutions can provide. HighPoint Campus Experience integrates seamlessly with our other HighPoint product, Schedule Builder, which gives students an easy way to build their schedule and allow them to complete their degree on time. HighPoint Campus Experience also allows students and staff opportunities to provide enhancement requests to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the product.

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

In our review of the other products, we have determined that the amount we spend on the HighPoint Campus Experience solution and services per year are less than other solutions that cannot provide the same unique, real-time integration with our system.

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

We negotiated with HighPoint Technology Solutions to keep the price as close to cost from the previous fiscal year. This one-year price is on par with pricing they typically allow for a three-year contract.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	1.18.23
2nd scheduled	1.25.23

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