

USM SSP 23_005 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchases of the following:

Axon Body Camera System Upgrade

Axon Body Camera Software

RFx: 3150004543

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 September 21st, 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, September 21st, 2022.

to:

Steve Ballew

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Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection – USM SSP 23_005"

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:

09.07.22

09.14.22

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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:

Axon Body Camera System Upgrade and Axon Body Camera Software.

This includes an upgrade to Axon Body 3 Black Rapid lock cameras along with cables, docking stations, wall mounts assembly, Extended Warranty for Camera (TAP), Evidence.Com Licenses, 10 GB of Evidence.com Storage, Professional Evidence.com Licenses, and 10GB of Evidence.Com Storage.

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

The business needs for the sole source purchase are met by the unique characteristics of the Axon system. The most important features for us are the use of a standalone Evidence Transfer Module, the cloud-based storage, and the ability to maintain compatibility with our existing system. The Evidence Transfer Module allows the user to upload video simply by plugging the controller into the module. No computer is required, and the user need not spend any time managing the data. The end user simply inserts the controller and walks away. Eliminating the requirement for additional tasks is a savings in time and personnel that are unique to this system. The cloud-based storage allows all video to be accessible anywhere. Guest users, such as prosecuting attorneys, can be allowed access as determined by their level of need. Data issues such as security, audits of modifications, backup, etc. are managed in the cloud. Not having to provide

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these services here at UPD is another significant savings in time and personnel that are unique to this system. The existing user knowledge base and competency with the Axon system is unique to the Axon system. The new upgraded camera allows for a clearer picture that is essential in police investigations, as well as protecting officer encounters with the public.

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

While there are other systems for body worn cameras, UPD has chosen Axon for the reason listed above. It saves officer time, and videos are available anywhere.

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

We have been using Axon since 2013. They have negotiated with us in good faith and have provided excellent service.

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

This is a complete upgrade of equipment to a newer model camera and a renewal of software. We have been working with Axon since January of 2022 on pricing options. This one falls within the budget we have for equipment.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	09.07.22
2nd scheduled	09.14.22

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