

USM SSP 23_014 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchases of the following:

Digital Commons

RFx: 3150004620

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 October 31st, 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, October 31st, 2022.

to:

Steve Ballew

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bids@usm.edu

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection – USM SSP 23_014"

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:

10.17.22

10.24.22

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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:

Digital Commons. This repository platform stores and provides access to university-created content, including scholarly articles, theses, dissertations, recordings of events and conferences held on campus, open educational resources, and includes tools for per review, evaluating, and publishing academic journals.

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

Other repository platforms with similar technical capabilities would require a significant technical investment in terms of both time and personnel to approach replication the services and structures currently in place.

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

Only Digital Commons consolidates all of the services and features above into a single platform while including access to their technical support team as needed to handle any technical or system issues that arise with no need for developer support on our end.

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

We negotiated with the vendor to reduce the annual increase from 3 a year to only 1% per year.

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

We have worked with the company to be sure they understand how our office works and our average annual student numbers so that the best rate can be provided. We negotiated with the vendor to reduce the annual increase from 3% a year to only 1% per year.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	10.17.22
2nd scheduled	10.24.22

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