

USM SSP 24\_004 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of NOVA non-invasive blood pressure (NIBP) System.

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

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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 13, 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 a written notice to:

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

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Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 24\_004"

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: 8/24, 8/31**

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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:

**Finapres NOVA non-invasive blood pressure (NIBP) system with the associated Advanced Hemodynamics / ModelFlow software package and finger cuffs (size large, medium, and small).**

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

**Our laboratory is currently conducting a research study that relies on beat-by-beat measurements of arterial blood pressure, cardiac output, stroke volume, and total peripheral resistance, all of which will need to be collected in real-time using an existing multi-channel data acquisition system (in order to be synchronized to additional biological signals). The Finapres NOVA NIBP System, complete with the ModelFlow software package, is the only beat-by-beat blood pressure system currently on the market that allows beat-by-beat blood pressure, cardiac output, stroke volume, and total peripheral resistance signals to be continuously and non-invasively collected from humans and streamed into our existing multi-channel data acquisition system (PowerLab, AD Instruments, Colorado Springs, CO).**

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

**AD Instruments is the exclusive supplier of the Finapres NOVA (basic) NIBP system within the United States. Due to agreements between the manufacturer (Finapres Medical Systems) and the vendor (AD Instruments), this system cannot be purchased by another vendor within the United States.**

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

**This device is being purchased to directly support a research study aimed at improving the detection of cardiometabolic risk among young adults living in Mississippi. Not only is this project currently under review for NIH funding, but this project will also lead to future funding proposals that will continue to benefit Mississippians. Therefore, from the taxpayer's perspective, the cost of this device represents a modest investment into the improved health of Mississippians.**

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

**In addition to requesting multiple quotes from the original vendor (AD Instruments), we have also requested competing quotes directly from the manufacturer, to which we were referred back to the original vendor. We have also submitted an NIH funding proposal to cover the cost of this device, which is currently under review.**

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<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>8/24/2023</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>8/31/2023</b>

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