

USM SSP 24\_010 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of Fuel UI – TMA.

[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 December 21, 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:

Jacob Cochran

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

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

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 24\_010"

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: 12/4, 12/11**

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 24\_010**

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:

Fuel UI – TMA will help us manage fuel purchases at the fuel/service station and auto populate into TMA. We will also be able to track vehicle mileage and maintenance in this system. It will make our service station operations more efficient.

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

We currently use TMA as our work order system. TMA need to integrate Fuel Master, a fuel management software, into TMA. Fuel UI is the bridge that will make it so Fuel Master and TMA will communicate.

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

TMA is proprietary. They can only integrate outside software with their software.

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

It is proprietary. However, they keep it within reason. Each TMA module seems to be around \$10,000.

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

TMA is the only source that can integrate software into their system.

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>12/4/23</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>12/11/23</b>

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