

USM SSP 24\_030 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of ARMS.

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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 June 07, 2024.

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\_030"

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: 5/21, 5/24

**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**  
**SSP 24\_030**

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 service that USM is seeking to procure:
  - Annual support and maintenance for ARMS Enterprise-NET & SQL Server, Arms Mobile, ARMS Mobile Report Writer and CAD, ARMS NCIS, and ARMS v3 CAD, ARMS Web Portal and ARMS NIBRS.
2. Explanation of why the service is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:
  - ARMS is developed exclusively by END2END Public Safety and meets the needs for our Communication Department with issuing report numbers, and for the officers to write complete reports and include documentation from the incident. Administration can pull reports to track activity of officers in the field as well as supporting numbers for work done by those officers.
3. Explanation of why the source is the only source is the only person or entity that can provide the required service:
  - There are no other like item(s) or product(s) available for purchase that would serve the same purpose or functions and there is only one price for the above items because of exclusive distribution or marketing rights..
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:
  - The invoiced amount is fair given the amount of additional support that has been added over the past few years.

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5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:
- The initial work was done years ago when this was first purchased. Now we are in the support phase to continue access to ARMS features that we use daily.

<b>Advertisement Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>5/21/24</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled</b>	<b>5/28/24</b>

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