

USM SSP 24_032 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of TerraDotta.

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 July 01, 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

Phone: 601-266-4131

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection USM SSP 24_032"

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: 6/12, 6/19

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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:

Terra Dotta System integration tool between PeopleSoft and SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System)

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

There are no other products that are cloud based and available for purchase.

Additionally, this falls under an existing company and functionality and integrations that already has been built out on the Study Abroad side with ITS.

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

There is no similar product on the market that is cloudbased and can be immediately implemented.

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

The cost has been consistent throughout multiple quotes with the company. The server-based product, while less, requires much more support including additional staffing either through contracting external companies or hiring additional staffing in the office.

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

We have reviewed three vendors (Sunapsis, Via, and Terra Dotta). Sunapsis is server based, not cloud based. While it is a less expensive product it's because the staffing and functionality support must be provided by the department/institution. Via quoted a slightly less expensive product with a discount for early adoption, but the product is still not live and is in the process of being built. They are building up their ISS product and it is unknown if there will be technological issues or the required support once it goes live.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	6/12/24
2nd scheduled	6/19/24

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