

USM SSP 24_035 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of Spare Parts for the Eagle Ray AUV planes.

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 June 24, 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_035"

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: 6/7, 6/14

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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:

Spare Parts for the Eagle Ray AUV planes:

Gear Motor Mount – qty (7)

R+W Clutch – qty (8)

Lip Seal – qty (7)

Diaphragm size 125 – qty (12)

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

Spare/replacement parts for existing vehicle. Planes are an integral part in the navigation of the Underwater vehicle. This is how the vehicle adjusts its height and direction as it moves through the water column. If a plane is damaged it needs to be replaced or repaired at sea to continue operating. This vehicle is one of the main research tools for the OEI funded research.

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

These are proprietary parts that can only be provided by the original manufacturer of the vehicle.

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

International Submarine Ltd., is the only manufacturer of the parts and quoted amount is the replacement part value.

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

We worked with ISE to provide the best price available.

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Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	6/7/24
2nd scheduled	6/14/24

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