

Mississippi State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
234-94

Mississippi State University anticipates purchasing the item(s) listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase shall follow the procedures outlined below.

1. Commodity or commodities to be purchased (make, model, description):

MACH7 PACS (picture archiving and communication system) is used to house the MSU-College of Veterinary Medicine's radiology information system.

2. Explanation of the need to be fulfilled by this item(s), how is it unique from all other options, and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:

MACH7 has been CVM's PACs provider for the past 5 years. This purchase is to expand the number of cases that can be stored per year and also to renew the support for the software. MACH7 is the only vendor that provides support for this software and that can expand the number of cases allowed per year.

3. Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):

Mach7 is a proprietary software developed by MACH7. Its code is only available to MACH7, which therefore makes it the only company that can provide the service requested in the purchase.

4. Estimated cost of item(s) and an explanation why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:

5 Year Imagin platform license \$34,500, 5 year viewer license \$25,650, Discount \$11,000, 1 year support \$12,030. This amount is actually less expensive than the original purchase of the system 5 years ago. 5 Years ago Mach7 was found to be the least expensive to provide this service, therefore it is considered a fair and reasonable price.

5. Explanation of the efforts taken by the department to determine this is the only source and the efforts used to obtain the best possible price:

IF this is not purchased the radiology system will not be able to operate at the College of Veterinary Medicine and will end the education of students with their radiology rotations. This will directly affect how students are educated and negatively affect the affect of CVM to the public.

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:

Jennifer Mayfield, CPPO
Interim Deputy Director of Procurement & Contracts
jmayfield@procurement.msstate.edu
Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection"

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, MSU determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then MSU 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 MSU determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then MSU will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. MSU will have the burden of proving that the commodity is only provided by one (1) source.