

# Mississippi State University

## Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

190-39

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):

95-MSB2AB Skill Boss Smart Factory - Allen-Bradley

33934 Hand Tool Package - Skill Boss

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:

CAVS-E is planning a new service offering around predictive maintenance, which includes algorithm development and data analysis. By incorporating the Skill Boss into a test bed, CAVS-E is able to create the data needed for testing and proving of algorithms without having to install sensors and equipment in a facility.

This system is unique because it is the only system that can simulate multiple types of hydraulic failures with one piece of equipment. One piece of equipment is necessary for space considerations as well as ability to easily transport the equipment. The equipment needs to be easily transportable so CAVSE employees can provide training and services to manufacturers across the state of MS.

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

Sivad, Inc. Amatrol uses exclusive distributors for specific states. Sivad, Inc. is the only distributor supported by Amatrol for Mississippi purchases.

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

\$19,861 Sivad, Inc is the only vendor so there are no comparable prices. This price does include an educational discount.

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:

Exhaustive internet search for other vendors. Used MS Industries for the Blind to search for better/other vendors. Received comment from vendor that they are the only company that sells this technology.

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:

Don Buffum, CPPO

Director of Procurement & Contracts

[dbuffum@procurement.msstate.edu](mailto:dbuffum@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.

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