

Mississippi State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
245-84

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):

Make: HINDS instruments;

Model: II/FS42;

Description: Photoelastic modulator(PEM), transmission >99%, acceptance angle ± 40 deg, wavelength 170nm-2.6 μ m, useful aperture 27mm.

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:

We are currently developing a new optical spectrometer for applications in chemistry and biology, the wavelength region should cover 170 to 2000 nm. Hinds Instruments' PEM is the only one that meets our requirements in wavelength, aperture, and transmission.

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

The company is Hinds Instruments, which is the world's most famous developer of Photoelastic modulators. The requested PEM has been widely used in the area of polarization spectroscopy.

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

The total price is approximately \$7790, covering a PEM optical head and a controller. The price is the same with the one we ordered half a year ago.

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:

We have negotiated with Hinds Instruments for several times. Finally, we get 5% discount.

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
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.