

Mississippi State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

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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):

pharmacy management software

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:

Licenses to utilize the Fusion/Kalos pharmacy management software (ProPharm), ProPharm maintenance and support, text messaging services, ProPharm interface, MediSpan database (medication interaction), warning labels for drug interactions.

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

Fusion Management (Kalos) is the sole provider of products and services created, sold, or distributed by Fusion. There are no other agents or dealers authorized to perform various maintenance functions. The pharmacy has been utilizing this software for appx. 20 years.

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

Approximately \$82,500 for the 5-year period for fixed and variable services. This includes appx. \$34k of fixed costs for annual support, maintenance, etc., as well as for items that are charged on a per-item basis (text messaging, warning labels, claims filed, etc.).

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:

The LSHC pharmacy has been using Kalos ProPharm software for appx. 20 years. Fusion Mgmt (Kalos) is the only company that is capable of providing support or system maintenance.

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 and CPO, 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.