

**Mississippi State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase**

256-057

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):

SIMULIA Academic Research Suite Renewal

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:

SIMULIA is used by Aerospace Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and the Department of Sustainable Bioproducts for research.

Faculty have ongoing research using SIMULIA. Models created for their research require SIMULIA to complete their work.

Aerospace Engineering also uses the software for research. Faculty and students have developed a high level of expertise using SIMULIA. Also, they have generated simulation data for many cases which they need to use in future research.

Department of Sustainable Bioproducts uses the software for research.

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

SIMULIA Academic Research Suite is only sold from a sole distributor (Vias3D Academia)

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

The cost for this renewal is \$7,933.26 is reasonable based on previous renewal costs.

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:

Dassault Systems provided the information that they are the only seller available to purchase through.

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
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.