

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

**256-075**

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):

Gamma DAQ F/T Transducer	9105-TIF-GAMMA
DAQ F/T transducer cable, Hirose connector, 10m	9105-C-H-PS-10
DAQ Transducer Power Supply	9105-PS-1
Cable from power supply to DAQ card, 2m	9105-C-PS-U-2
USB-6421, 16-bit, 250kS/s Spring Terminals	9105-M1USB6421

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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:

The department already has multiple ATI type load sensors from the vendor, Novanta. The current order is for a replacement sensor and associated parts as the original was damaged during testing. All existing rigs depend on the specific sensor supplied by Novanta.

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

ATI Industrial Automation (Parent company: Novanta). Conan White, Account Manager  
As mentioned previously, we currently have multiple load sensors from the vendor and the one being purchased is a replacement for a damaged sensor from existing test rigs.

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

\$10,343.03. Additionally, given our previous relationship with the vendor has allowed us to get the sensor at a discounted rate.

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 department has previously contacted other entities for similar sensors but no other vendor could provide a sensor with the specified requirements.

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](mailto: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.