

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

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):  
**A tufting (stitching) head for our Inteva stitching cell.**

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**We are in the process of completely replacing an out-of-date stitching cell that no longer has maintenance or service support available. We require a tufting stitching head for our new Inteva Stitching cell because tufting is required for certain stitching applications – specifically thick or highly curved structures. Because Inteva Products has already developed a stitching cell for MSU, Inteva Products is the only supplier who could integrate the control system for any future stitching heads. Additionally, we require a supplier to develop the tufting head, which we were unable to find support from other manufacturers.**

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

**Inteva Products. They are the only ones who are willing to develop novel stitching heads.**

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

**The total cost per the quote attached from Inteva Products is \$387,111.**

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:

**Inteva Products is the only provider that can work on their proprietary system.**

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.