

Mississippi State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

267-013

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):

Maestria™ is a microbiology-focused middleware that streamlines and manages the complexity of the microbiology workflow within a single result-management platform. It integrates and connects all BioMerieux microbiology instrumentation, in our case, our current VITEK mass spectrometry system used for identification of microbes for veterinary diagnostic purposes.

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:

This is a required update/migration of data from our current server and middleware. Our current software, Myla, will not be supported after January 2027.

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

This is a Biomerieux product and service. Since Biomerieux is the manufacturer of our current VITEK MS, there is no other software that would be compatible.

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

Total cost of a 3-year contract is 14,985.00, of which 4,995.00 would be invoiced each year. This is competitive with other software or service agreements and includes all connection services, Maestria systems, data migration/conversion, and training.

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:

Since this middleware is unique to the VITEK MS we already have, the only other option would be to buy another Mass Spectrometry system, which would be significantly more expensive and unnecessary. Maestria conversion would also eliminate current costs for the Myla server.

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 Services, Chief Procurement Officer

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.

