

Mississippi State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

267-052

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): Redwire, Stalker Block 40 UAV, Fixed
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 UAS system of systems has been selected for use by the Department of Homeland Security who has further solicited modifications to the platform, and awarded contract to MSU for the modification/integration of said system
3. Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s): Redwire; in addition to having no vendors they possess unique knowledge of the aircraft needed to integrate custom payloads as dictated by the government sponsor of the project.
4. Estimated cost of item(s) and an explanation why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable: \$2,086,120.00 this system is the product of years of R&D and is made of cutting edge materials which enable it to perform a wide variety of missions that support the operator and the entire Homeland Security Enterprise.

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 sponsor (DHS) has specified the use of this UAS for this project and has already completed the selection process which considers costs of these types of systems.

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.

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