

Mississippi State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

256-060

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):
Yearly Support and Maintenance for Rhapsody Health Software

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:
Rhapsody is a proprietary piece of software that interacts with healthcare laboratory instruments using the HL7 network protocol and others to interface with the College of Veterinary Medicine's Hospital/Lab Information System (VetView).

3. Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):
Lyniate- InterOperability Bidco, Inc.
Lyniate is the sole owner of intellectual property rights in and to the software is the sole source for fulfilling the supply of the Rhapsody Software and the technical requirements for maintenance and support obligations.
4. Estimated cost of item(s) and an explanation why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:
\$7,046.05 for the yearly support between February 10, 2026 and February 9, 2027. This is an enterprise level of software used throughout the healthcare industry and this amount is in line with other maintenance costs for other pieces of software.

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:

Rhapsody has been used at CVM for over ten years and is working 24/7/365. This purchase is for the maintenance and support of that software. There is not another company that provides maintenance and support for Rhapsody.

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
Interim Deputy 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.