

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):
I Instrument Manager Base Software
II Instrument Manager Interface Connections
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 the interface allowing communication between our laboratory equipment and our Lims system Vetview. It is the only company that VetView works with.
3. Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):
Data Innovations. This is the only company that Vetview utilizes.
4. Estimated cost of item(s) and an explanation why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable: Cost = \$5,114.70
This is a sole source Vetview (Lims system) required interface between all ClinPath and Micro laboratory instruments.
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: See #2. This is the only option VetView allows. We have no other option for the Lims system for our lab and hospital.

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.