

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

**245-127**

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):

**Ecodrum Composter Model 720 – this is an in-vessel composter that is used for safe disposal of daily poultry mortalities.**

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:

**The Ecodrum is an enclosed in-vessel compost system that minimizes odors, leachate and scavenger pest issues. This company and its in vessel composting equipment also have a long-standing track record for providing reliable operations and most importantly it was engineered to handle animal mortality in accordance with USDA and EPA guidelines. Most importantly the reaction chamber is made from high density polyethylene which provides it with long term durability since it will not corrode due to moisture and ammonia.**

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

**L&S Equipment Sales, they are the only company that sells this equipment in MS.**

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

**The quoted price is \$39,900, which includes delivery and set up.**

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:

**There is no other composting solution currently available on the market provides this unique combination of size, biosecurity, automation, environmental compliance, and operational simplicity in one fully integrated 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.