

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

245-136

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):

L3ASE Linear Carcass Merit Probe for EVO- 390450

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:

White Sand already has the ultrasound machine, but this specific probe is required to support data collection for ongoing research trials, including fetal programming, finishing cattle, and backgrounding studies. Acquiring this item will enhance our ability to collect high-quality, consistent data across these projects. This will allow us to collect the data when needed, on the project outline.

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

Boland Vet Sales – this is a registered vendor of E.I. Medical Equipment. Other medical equipment vendors do not sell E.I. Medical Equipment. Any other probe (another manufacturer) will not work with our current equipment.

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

\$11,800.00 – this cost is in line with other manufacturer items that are new, not refurbished.

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:

This is the only vendor we were able to find that sells this item. Extensive google searching, sending questions to what vendors of cattle medical equipment we could find. All offered a complete replacement of what we have with what they sell, just no probe compatible to EVO.

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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