

Mississippi State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

245-117

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):

vivaCT 80 in vivo MicroCT scanner

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 scanner is capable of scanning with very low degree/rotational step (DRS) as compared to other systems, allowing scans at much higher resolution (highest resolution in its class of systems).

The scanner/software offers quick set-up with various options of calibrated energy levels as well as fixed fields of view with correct centers and beam-hardening as well as density calibration. This leads to a quicker scan setup time and accuracy for serial (repeat) scans as well as faster post-processing times.

The scanner is fully capable of batch (unattended) scanning of specimens for 24/7 operation.

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

Scanco Medical

Only one that has the unique properties for our use.

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

\$350,000

It is actually below market value and they are giving us a discount

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:

PI Dr. Lauren Priddy spoke with other vendors at Orthopedic Society meeting in February and identified Scanco as the only vendor to provide these specs.

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.