

Mississippi State University  
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

167-93

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 Software Subscription for 14 men's basketball student-athletes for Sparta Force Plates (equipment was purchased last year and will not need to be repurchased).**

2. Explanation of the need to be fulfilled by this item(s) and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:

**The equipment is already owned and only that company can control the equipment. The software subscription give the strength coach access to the predictive force plate database and integration to a centralized database. The information is used to assess strength deficiencies and imbalances and to assist in injury risk assessment.**

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

**Sparta Science sold us the equipment, and they are the only ones who can sync with this type of force plate.**

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

**\$15,120 for the year. If this assessment tool prevents injuries, this amount will be saved in surgeries, diagnostic testing, time lost, pain/suffering, etc.**

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 software that will integrate with the equipment we purchased last year. It is equipment and software used by many other collegiate and professional athletes and teams. The price per student-athlete will decrease if other teams use it, so it is something we will educate other teams about.**

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:

Don Buffum, CPPO  
Director of Procurement & Contracts  
[dbuffum@procurement.msstate.edu](mailto:dbuffum@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.