

**Mississippi State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
245-50**

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):

Hardware and software used to manage cattle fertility, health and nutrition. Includes sensors, tags, router, solar panel and software.

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 system is a comprehensive, real-time monitoring software with capabilities that provide insights into herd health, behavior, and productivity. All parts are custom made and covered under US patents. Therefore, no other suppliers can substitute parts for this system. Select Sires is the sole supplier of both hardware and software for the system.

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

Select Series – Cow Manager

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

\$19,561.48

The cost is reasonable when you consider the significant long-term benefits provided. Improved efficiency and flexibility will lead to a quicker return on investment.

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:

The Cow Manager system is only available from Select Sires and is serviced by only this vendor. Select Sires is the sole supplier of both hardware and software for the 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

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.