The University of Mississippi (UM) anticipates purchasing the item(s) listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase as a sole source shall follow the procedures outlined below.

Commodity or commodities to be purchased (manufacturer, model, description):
MathWorks MATLAB academic site license

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:
MATLAB is used by faculty, staff, and students to further the University's critical teaching and research functions. It is used by researchers and instructors in multiple departments across campus; there is no acceptable substitute for this program. MATLAB is an industry-standard technical computing software package. It is, in part, its own computer language; as such, there is no way for students to learn to use MATLAB except by providing them with access to MATLAB. Further, some researchers at UM have constructed large codebases in MATLAB language that cannot be ported to any other language or software system.

Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):
The proposed vendor, MathWorks, is the publisher of MATLAB and certifies they are the only seller for academic site licenses for this product.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties:
Interested parties who have reason to believe that the item(s) above should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for UM to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the Sole Source purchase.

1.1 Interested Party Information
1.1.1 Contact Name, Phone Number, Address and email address
1.1.2 Company Website URL, if applicable
1.2 Objection to Sole Source Certification

1.2.1 Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification using the criteria listed above.

1.2.2 A statement regarding the Interested Party's capabilities as related to this Sole Source Certification Request.

1.3 Comments will be accepted at any time prior to Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 3:00 pm (Central Time) to Katherine Jones at kajones4@olemiss.edu (with Cc: to purchase@olemiss.edu) at The University of Mississippi Procurement Services Department, 164 Jeanette Phillips Drive, PO Box 1848, University, Mississippi 38677. Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, or e-mail. The envelope or email should reference the sole source number. UM WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES. It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach UM on time. Interested Parties may contact Katherine Jones to verify the receipt of their Responses. Responses received after the deadline will be rejected.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, UM determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then UM will withdraw the sole source certification and submit the procurement of the commodity to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

If UM determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then UM will follow applicable ITS procedures for making the purchase.