UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

# ITSS 064

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):
Wolfram Mathematica

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:
This is a renewal of the university's existing site license for Mathematica, a symbolic equation solver used in teaching and research in many academic departments. Mathematica is a teaching and research tool widely used throughout the University. Certain parts of the Mathematics department's curriculum (esp. in the calculus series) are built around the use of this specific software package. Moving to any other product would represent a major disruption in these courses and in math-intensive courses in other departments as well.

Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):
Wolfram is the publisher of this software and the sole seller of academic licenses for it.

Why the amount to be expended is reasonable:
The cost of this site license is significantly lower than the cost of renewing them all (or even a simple majority of them).

Efforts to obtain the best possible price for this purchase:
OIT has negotiated this site license in lieu of having a large number of individual licenses that would come to a higher total than the cost of the site license. As such this is a cost-cutting program.

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 Monday, August 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. (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.