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**Jackson State University
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP25-11 Rfx 3150006162**

Jackson State University anticipates purchasing the items listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase shall follow the procedures outlined below.

Product Overview:

We have maintained our status as loyal users of MATHWORK software for the past five years, which has enabled us to benefit from their most favorable discounts. The Gtec hardware we will use is precisely engineered to operate exclusively with MATHWORK software. As such, MATHWORK will be our definitive software solution for this research. We will advance the model we developed in our previous work using MATHWORK software. Adhering to this requirement is essential to guarantee the optimal performance and full functionality of the Gtec hardware in our projects.

Explanation of need to be fulfilled by this item, how it is unique from all other options, and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:

The Gtec hardware is meticulously engineered to function solely with MATHWORKS software, ensuring optimal performance and compatibility. This specialized hardware has been crafted to leverage the full capabilities of MATHWORKS applications, providing users with a seamless and efficient experience. With its advanced design and integration, Gtec hardware maximizes the potential of MATHWORKS, making it the ideal choice for professionals in fields that rely heavily on mathematical modeling and data analysis.

Name of company selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide:

The MathWorks, Inc. 3 Apple Hill Drive, Natick, MA 01760-2098. The Gtec hardware we will use is precisely engineered to operate exclusively with MATHWORK software. As such, MATHWORK will be our definitive software solution for this research. We will advance the model we developed in our previous work using MATHWORK software. Adhering to this requirement is essential to guarantee the optimal performance and full functionality of the Gtec hardware in our projects.

Estimated cost of item and explanation of why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:

This product is estimated to cost \$11,944.94. The University could not compare prices because the product is only manufactured by one company. For the past five years, we have been dedicated users of MATHWORK software, immersing ourselves in its powerful features and capabilities. This commitment has enhanced our productivity and efficiency and allowed us to consistently access the most advantageous discounts available. Our long-term relationship with MATHWORK has proven invaluable, as it enables us to leverage cutting-edge tools while maximizing our savings.

Explanation of the efforts taken by the department to determine that this is the only source and efforts used to obtain the best possible price:

In the past three months, we organized a series of detailed meetings with The MathWorks, Inc. to explore practical strategies for minimizing our costs. Our discussions focused on leveraging the hardware and software solutions we acquired from them during our earlier research. By examining these resources' functionalities and potential efficiencies, we aimed to identify ways to integrate them more fully into our operations, ultimately leading to significant savings. Each meeting allowed us to dive deep into specific cost reduction strategies, fostering a collaborative environment where we could share insights and develop a comprehensive plan tailored to our needs.

Comments and objections will be received as required per Section 31-7-13 (C) of the Mississippi Code until **11:00 a.m. CST on March 4, 2025**. 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 written notice by 11:00 a.m. CST on **February 25, 2025** to:

Kimberly R. Harris, CMPA, MHSA
Director of Procurement Services
Jackson State University
kimberly.r.harris@jsums.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. If applicable, appropriate documentation shall also be submitted.

If, after reviewing the submitted notice and documents, JSU determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then JSU 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.