

Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase of Evofinder Automated Ballistic Identification System

Sole source # 3150006192

The Mississippi Forensic Laboratory is seeking to purchase Leeds Evofinder Automated Ballistics Identification System (BIS) and related consumables.

1. Description of the commodity or commodities the MSFL is seeking to procure:

Make and Model: Leeds Evofinder Automated Ballistics Identification System (BIS) for Single PC Installation with Optional Extended Warranty

Item	Description
1	Specimen Analysis System (SAS)- Evofinder server license
2	Data Acquisition Station (DAS) - cClient software License
3	Evofinder Scanner
4	LFS-EVO-DTPC-Desktop PC for Evofinder Single PC configuration
5	LFS-EVO-WTY-ITO3-Optional Extended Warranty
6	Freight Charges

The Evofinder Automated Ballistic Identification System is a scanning device that generates 2D and 3D digital images of bullets and cartridge cases for visualization, virtual comparison microscopy, and automated searches within your databases. The system can also automatically correlate sample images to other images stored in your database, providing a numerical similarity value between two representative images.

Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that can meet the needs of the Agency:

The Evofinder is the only product available on the market that can scan complete surfaces of bullet and cartridge case samples as 3D images to be used with the system's Virtual Comparison

Microscopy (VCM) for examiners to determine if they are from the same source. Is it also the only system available that can image the side of the cartridge case to generate 3D images for comparison of chamber marks, obturation marks, etc.

2. Explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:

The Evofinder Ballistic Identification system is the only product on the market that uses a single scanning unit to generate 3D models of bullets (pristine, damaged, and fragmented) and cartridge cases, including both the full headstamp and wall.

3. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

Estimated Cost: \$384,000.00

The amount is within the expected price range of these items requested.

5. Efforts the Agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:

The agency worked with the supplier to determine the optimal configuration to meet the laboratory's needs in addition to reviewing any possible cost saving that can be implemented/obtained. Freight (and installation/training) is included with the purchase of a system. As for the pricing, the vendor included a \$53,400 discount on the system, which is the best pricing they offer on this system. It is a special pricing based on the configuration of the single-PC system.

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the commodities listed are not a sole source and can be provided by another person or entity should submit a written notice to:

Sonya William or Britney Wesley
Procurement Department
4th Floor, Room 402
Jackson, MS 39216

The notice should contain a detailed explanation of why the commodities are not a sole source procurement, well as, but not limited to the following information:

Interested Party Information

- Contact Name, Phone Number, and email address
- Company Website URL, if applicable

Objection to Sole Source Justification

- Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a) A description of the commodity or commodities that Interested Party believes is comparable to Leeds Forensic System and related consumables.
 - b) An explanation of why Interested Party's commodity or commodities can also meet the needs of the agency; and
 - c) A list of sources from which Interested Party's commodity may be procured.
- If Interested Party claims that Leeds Evofinder Automated Ballistics Identification System and related consumables are available from a source other than Leeds Forensic Systems, the objection must contain a written statement from Leeds Forensic System that the Interested Party is an authorized distributor or reseller of the Leeds Evofinder Automated Ballistic Identification System and related consumables.

This information should be provided no later than Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:00 pm local time.

Response may be delivered by hand, via regular mail or overnight delivery.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, MSFL determines that the commodity in the proposed sole-source request can be provided by another person or entity, then MSFL will withdraw the sole source request publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the commodity or commodities to an advertised competitive bid process.

If MSFL determines after the review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity or commodities, then MSFL will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB). MSFL will have the burden of proving that the commodity or commodities is only provided by one (1) source.