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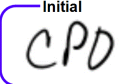
Craig P. Orgeron, CPM, Ph.D., Executive Director

## Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Craig P. Orgeron, CPM, Ph.D.

**CC:** ITS Project Number 49399 

**Date:** April 28, 2026

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number 4744 for Geographic Information System software maintenance and support for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)

**Contact Name:** Jake Alexander

**Contact Phone Number:** 601-432-8090

**Contact E-mail Address:** Jake.Alexander@its.ms.gov

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### Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding Information Technology Services (ITS) Sole Source Certification Number 4744 for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), please be advised that ITS intends to award Intergraph Corporation dba Octave as the sole source provider of Geographic Information System software maintenance and support through June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$241,660.54. If MDOT opts to renew the Geographic Information System software maintenance and support, this sole source certification shall be valid through June 30, 2029. Please be advised that ITS will determine if additional products or services are within scope during the certification period and may increase the spending authority accordingly. Should Intergraph Corporation dba Octave change their name during this certification period, then ITS will determine if a recertification is necessary. For an explanation regarding Mississippi state law, policy and procedures for sole source procurements, refer to Attachment B: Sole Source Procurement Overview.

### Sole Source Criteria

1. The product or services being purchased must perform a function for which no other product or source of services exists:

**MDOT's mission is to provide a safe intermodal transportation network. GeoMedia, provided by Hexagon, serves as MDOT's primary desktop GIS platform. MDOT relies on the products to manage its roadway network, perform linear referencing and dynamic segmentation, meet federal reporting requirements such as Federal Highway Administration Highway Performance Monitoring System (FHWA HPMS), process enterprise imagery and LiDAR, securely distribute geospatial data, support cartographic production, and deliver both internal and public-facing web GIS services. The software is owned and currently utilized by MDOT. Ongoing**

**maintenance and support is required to preserve system stability, ensure access to software updates and enhancements, maintain compatibility with evolving enterprise systems, and secure timely technical support. Since Intergraph Corporation (“Octave”) is the only vendor that provides the existing maintenance and support, it qualifies as a sole source procurement.**

2. The purchaser must be able to show specific business objectives that can be met only through the unique product or services:

**The platform provides direct access to MDOT’s enterprise Oracle Spatial databases through Oracle Workspace Manager, enabling the visualizing, editing, and analysis of the State’s road network. When paired with GeoMedia Transportation Manager, the platform supports daily Multilevel Linear Referencing System (MLRS) maintenance, asset and event tracking, and a range of agency-wide business intelligence applications. Complementary tools such as IMAGINE, APOLLO, and WebMap process high-resolution aerial imagery for use within GeoMedia and other systems including cartographic products and web map services.**

3. The product or services must be available only from the manufacturer and not through resellers who could submit competitive pricing for the product or services:

**Intergraph Corporation (“Octave”) certifies it is the developer of the software. The products are proprietary and copyrighted under the Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C §§ 101 et seq. Hexagon is the sole source authorized to sell, service, maintain, and support the software. The Vendor’s sole source certification letter is included as Attachment A.**

**Schedule**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Date</b>
First Advertisement Date	04/28/26
Second Advertisement Date	05/05/26
Response Deadline From Objectors	05/12/26 at 3:00 P.M. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before 05/13/26

**Project Details**

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) owns and actively utilizes the GIS software. In 2012, MDOT used the Intergraph EPL 3774 Master Contract to purchase maintenance and support and continued to use the EPL Master Contract for subsequent purchases. The Intergraph EPL 3774 Master Contract expired in December 2024. MDOT seeks to procure the maintenance and support necessary to sustain its existing software environment.

**Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties**

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the Geographic Information System software maintenance and support should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for the state to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the Sole Source contract to Intergraph Corporation dba Octave.

1.1 Interested Party Information

1.1.1 Contact Name, Phone Number 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, May 12, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to Jake Alexander at [Jake.Alexander@its.ms.gov](mailto:Jake.Alexander@its.ms.gov) or at the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, 3771 Eastwood Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39211. Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, e-mail or by fax. Fax number is (601) 713-6380. ITS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES. It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach ITS on time. Interested Parties may contact Jake Alexander to verify the receipt of their Responses. Responses received after the deadline will be rejected.
- 1.4 Interested Party responses should include the following information:

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO  
Sole Source Certification No. 4744-49399  
Accepted until May 12, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.,  
ATTENTION: Jake Alexander**

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Jake Alexander at 601-432-8090 or via email at [Jake.Alexander@its.ms.gov](mailto:Jake.Alexander@its.ms.gov).

- Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence
- Attachment B: Sole Source Procurement Overview

Attachment A



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24 April 2026

**Sole Source Certification**

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**Rachel Fewell**  
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Dear Mr. Alexander:

Intergraph Corporation ("Octave") certifies it is the developer of the software listed in Quote # 2025-75336. These products are proprietary and copyrighted under the Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C §§ 101 et seq. Octave is the sole source authorized to sell, service, maintain, and support the software listed in Quote # 2025-75336 to the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Fewell'.

Rachel Fewell  
Associate Divisional Counsel  
Octave

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## Attachment B

The acquisition of information technology for all state agencies and institutions of higher learning (IHLs) is within the scope of the ITS law, found in Mississippi Code Section 25-53-1, et seq., and the policies and procedures established in accordance with this statute, found in the ITS Procurement Handbook posted on the ITS website ([www.its.ms.gov](http://www.its.ms.gov)).

ITS enabling legislation requires that information technology hardware, software and services be acquired in a manner that insures the maximum of competition among all manufacturers and suppliers of such equipment and services. Accordingly, ITS promotes full and open competition through the issuance of open specifications and the objective evaluation of Interested Party proposals to determine the lowest and best offering to meet an agency's or public university's business requirements. True competition protects the integrity and credibility of purchasing in the public sector and is essential in providing best value and adequate contractual protection for the purchasing entity. In certain limited situations, information technology acquisitions may be sole-sourced.

ITS utilizes the provisions of Public Purchasing Law for Sole Source and Emergency procurements of information technology. Mississippi Public Purchasing Law (Mississippi Code Section 31-7-13) specifies that noncompetitive items available from one source only be exempted from bid requirements (sole-sourced). ITS statute, in Section 25-53-5 (p), permits ITS to utilize provisions in Public Purchasing Law or regulations, when applicable.

Per Public Purchasing law, acquisitions must meet the following criteria to be authorized as sole source:

1. The product or services being purchased must perform a function for which no other product or source of services exists,
2. The purchaser must be able to show specific business objectives that can be met only through the unique product or services, AND
3. The product or services must be available only from the manufacturer and NOT through resellers who could submit competitive pricing for the product or services. The vendor's correspondence regarding this criterion for this project is included as Attachment A.

By policy as documented in the ITS Procurement Handbook, acquisitions of IT services must include the following information to be authorized as sole source:

1. An explanation about why the amount to be expended is reasonable, and
2. An explanation regarding the efforts by the purchaser to obtain the best possible price.

For state agencies, approval of all technology purchases with a lifecycle cost of \$5,000 or less, including sole source purchases, has been delegated to the agency. The ITS Procurement Limits Policies for Agencies (a section in the ITS Procurement Handbook) require a minimum of two competitive written bids or proposals for technology purchases with a lifecycle cost over \$5,000 but not over \$75,000 (not over \$25,000 for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). Since, for single source items, the procuring agency will be unable to obtain two written bids, ITS must certify all sole source acquisitions of information technology with a lifecycle cost greater than \$5,000.

Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) or public universities have been delegated the authority to certify sole source procurements up to \$250,000 lifecycle cost under the ITS Procurement Limits Policies for IHLs (a section in the ITS Procurement Handbook). For the certification of sole source procurements delegated to the CIOs at public universities, the public university must follow ITS' Sole Source Procedure, including advertisement of the intent to award as sole source. Institutions certifying a sole source purchase must ensure the criteria listed above are met and documented in writing by the institution and the Interested Party prior to certifying a product or service as sole source. Sole source documentation must be reviewed and approved by the IHL's CIO for any sole-source certification above \$5,000. All sole source documentation should be retained in the public university's procurement file. Sole source requests above \$250,000 lifecycle cost require ITS approval.

Other than the delegations outlined above, all sole source technology procurements must be certified by ITS.

ITS thoroughly reviews Sole Source Certification Requests, determining if competing products and/or services exist. If so, ITS conducts a competitive procurement. If ITS' review confirms the sole source, then a Sole Source advertisement is issued, giving other Interested Parties an opportunity to identify competing products and/or services. Based upon the results of the Sole Source advertisement, ITS will either certify the request as a sole source or conduct a competitive procurement.