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Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

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

CC: ITS Project Number 49639

Date: June 30, 2026

Re: Sole Source Certification Number 5013 to provide traffic signal software maintenance for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Contact Name: Matthew Livingston

Contact Phone Number: 601-432-8244

Contact E-mail Address: Matthew.Livingston@its.ms.gov

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding Information Technology Services (ITS) Sole Source Certification Number 5013 for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), please be advised that ITS intends to award Temple, Inc. as the sole source provider of traffic signal software maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$13,125.00. If MDOT opts to renew the traffic signal software maintenance, this sole source certification shall be valid for two additional years. 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 Temple, Inc. 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:

Statewide traffic signal system management software allows traffic signal engineers to efficiently manage the State of Mississippi's traffic control assets remotely, reducing both time and fuel costs. Signal management software also synchronizes traffic signals along heavily congested corridors, facilitating smoother progression, reducing fuel consumption, minimizing delays, and enhancing overall safety. The Yunex Traffic signal controllers and Tactics Central Software System require software maintenance that can only be provided by Temple, Inc.

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

The existing traffic signal infrastructure consists of proprietary equipment statewide, and other manufacturers' systems do not interface properly with this equipment. Maintaining the same brand of software and firmware ensures maximum compatibility and accurate data sharing.

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:

Temple, Inc. is the exclusive authorized Service Provider for Yunex Traffic's Central Software System and Tactics Central Software System in the South East US, including the state of Mississippi. The Vendor's sole source certification letter is included as Attachment A.

Schedule

Task	Date
First Advertisement Date	06/30/26
Second Advertisement Date	07/07/26
Response Deadline From Objectors	07/14/26 at 3:00 P.M. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before 07/15/26

Project Details

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) initially purchased the Yunex Traffic 360 Tactics software licenses and maintenance services without ITS involvement, most often as components of various construction projects. The initial contract ended on December 31, 2022. In March 2023, ITS issued Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source Number 4526 to provide traffic signal software maintenance for three years. No objections were received. MDOT has spent \$37,500.00 on these products.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the traffic signal software maintenance 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 Temple, Inc.

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, July 14, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to Matthew Livingston at Matthew.Livingston@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 Matthew Livingston 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. 5013-49639
Accepted until July 14, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.,
ATTENTION: Matthew Livingston**

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Matthew Livingston at 601-432-8244 or via email at Matthew.Livingston@its.ms.gov.

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

Attachment A



June 09, 2026

James S. Sullivan, P.E.
State Traffic Engineer
Mississippi Dept of Transportation

RE: TACTICS Software Service Provider for Central Signal Control

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

This letter is to verify that Temple, Inc., located at 305 Bank St, Decatur, AL 35601 is the authorized Service Provider for Yunex Traffic's Central Software System in the South East US, which includes: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC, and TN.

Temple, Inc. is also the sole source provider for Siemens' TACTICS Central software system in the above-mentioned states. Temple and Yunex Traffic (formerly Siemens) have had a business relationship spanning over 60 years in the industry.

As the Tactics Service Provider, Temple can provide Mississippi DOT with the Yunex 360 Software Services and ensure that the upgrades and updates to your system are installed seamlessly and efficiently.

Temple, Inc. is proposing an upgrade to your Tactics Central by renewing your 360 Software Services Agreement. Please see the attached 3 – Year Proposed Agreement.

Thank you for your interest and the opportunity to renew our services with MDOT. If additional information is needed, please contact us at 800-633-3221.

Sincerely,
Forrest Temple
Forrest Temple
President

Cc: Jeff Smith

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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).

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.