



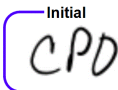
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Craig P. Orgeron, CPM, Ph.D., Executive Director

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

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

CC: ITS Project Number 49700 

Date: August 4, 2026

Re: Sole Source Certification Number 5015 to provide Bentley Enterprise Public Sector 365 Subscription for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT).

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Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding Information Technology Services (ITS) Sole Source Certification Number 5015 for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), please be advised that ITS intends to award Bentley Systems, Inc., as the sole source provider of Bentley Enterprise Public Sector 365 Subscription through December 31, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$5,195,536.00. 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 Bentley Systems, 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 exist:

The proprietary Bentley Enterprise Public Sector (EPS) 365 Subscription provides a comprehensive manufacturer support program that covers the computer-aided design and engineering products that MDOT uses to plan, design, and maintain the State of Mississippi highway and bridge infrastructure, while also supporting the MDOT construction budget in a single package subscription. MDOT currently uses the following Bentley products:

- gINT
- Open Bridge Designer
- Open Roads Designer

- **OpenRoads Drainage and Utilities**
- **OpenRoads SignCad**
- **Open Roads ConceptStation**
- **Bentley LumenRT**
- **I-Twin Capture**
- **Bentley Infrastructure Cloud**
- **ProjectWise**
- **AssetWise**
- **OpenGround**
- **Synchro Construction**

These products all integrate with each other for easy data exchange and project collaboration between engineers. Bentley Software, except for AssetWise and Bentley Infrastructure Cloud is locally installed on MDOT servers and Computer-Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) desktops managed by MDOT's staff.

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

Since the Bentley EPS 365 Subscription products integrate with each other, MDOT can plan, design, and maintain its infrastructure to ensure quality and safety in the most cost-effective manner. All of the EPS 365 products work within ProjectWise, which allows the separate MDOT divisions to collaborate on projects. It also allows them to share standards and workspaces so that every project uses the defined MDOT standards and every engineer can easily access the up-to-date documents for every project. ProjectWise integrates with every Bentley product to ensure efficiency. Without ProjectWise, MDOT would have to hire additional staff because all workspaces and drawings would be local to all CADD users. ProjectWise also allows consultants and contractors to collaborate with MDOT on ongoing projects and provide external users with the ability to perform online searches to MDOT plans, maps, and plats.

Without Bentley software, MDOT would be required to purchase several software programs from multiple vendors to allow for each engineering need. These software programs would not be compatible with each other, reducing the engineering staff's ability to collaborate and integrate with each other's designs. All MDOT engineers would have to be retrained on new software, resulting in significant cost and time impacts. Additionally, MDOT's existing projects would have to be re-designed in the new software programs, which could potentially halt all current construction projects.

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:**

Bentley is the sole source vendor and does not utilize resellers for the sale of these products. The software products and documentation developed at Bentley's expense are proprietary and confidential. Bentley shall be considered the prime contractor and shall assume the responsibility for maintenance of all Bentley supplied software and the exclusive supplier of Bentley software through Bentley's proprietary licensing models, including, without limitation, the SELECT Program Subscription and EPS 365 Subscription. The Vendor's sole source certification letter is included as Attachment A.

Schedule

Task	Date
First Advertisement Date	08/4/26
Second Advertisement Date	08/11/26
Response Deadline From Objectors	08/18/26 at 3:00 P.M. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before 08/19/26

Project Details

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) began using Bentley Systems, Incorporated (Bentley) software in the late 1980's. In 2000, RFP Number 2770-32673 was issued for a Bentley Select Contract. In December 2000, the ITS Board approved the award of the RFP to Bentley Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$1,504,480.00 for the continuation of Bentley Software beginning January 1, 2001. In August 2015, ITS began issuing Notices of Intent to Certify Sole Source for InspectTech licensing and maintenance from Bentley. Bentley later combined all of MDOT's software products into one agreement and subscription called Bentley Enterprise Public Sector (EPS) 365. In November 2020, ITS began issuing Notices of Intent to Certify Sole Source for Bentley EPS 365 subscription. No objections have been received to date. MDOT has spent \$22,220,222.73 on these products.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the Bentley Enterprise Public Sector 365 Subscription should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for the state to use in determining whether to proceed with awarding the Sole Source contract to Bentley Systems, 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, August 18, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to Brazel Crocker at Brazel.Crocker@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 Brazel Crocker 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. 5015-49700
Accepted until August 18, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.,
ATTENTION: Brazel Crocker**

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Brazel Crocker at 601-432-8177 or via email at Brazel.Crocker@its.ms.gov.

Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence

Attachment B: Sole Source Procurement Overview

Attachment A



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June 18, 2026

Mr. Bo Dickerson,
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Dear Mr. Dickerson:

Bentley Systems, Incorporated ("Bentley") is pleased to provide information about the proprietary nature of Bentley software.

Bentley supplies computer-aided design, engineering and manufacturing software, including, without limitation, the Enterprise Public Sector 365 (EPS 365) Subscription. In conjunction with software, Bentley provides a comprehensive software support program through its Bentley SELECT Program.

Bentley is the sole source vendor and does not utilize resellers for the sale of these products. The software products and documentation developed at Bentley's expense are proprietary and confidential. Bentley shall be considered the prime contractor and shall assume the responsibility for maintenance of all Bentley supplied software and the exclusive supplier of Bentley software through Bentley's proprietary licensing models, including, without limitation, the SELECT Program Subscription and EPS 365 Subscription.

Sincerely,

Ken MacArthur

Ken MacArthur
SVP, Regional Executive, Americas

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.