

**Sole Source Certification 3150004334 FlightSafety
Textron Aviation for MS Dept. of Finance &
Administration**

Introduction

This is a sole-source notification for pilot training.

Sole Source Certification

Prudent to section 3-206 of the *Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review* (OPSCR) Rules and Regulations (effective 1/18/20), the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) is issuing a publication to certify the sole-source purchase of a four (4) year agreement with FlightSafety Textron Aviation to provide the State the necessary pilot training.

OPSCR regulations require that the certification be published on the State of Mississippi Procurement Portal (MS Procurement Opportunity/Contract Search) website for at least fourteen (14) consecutive days.

The advertisement dates for this certification are:

November 2, 2022 through **November 16, 2022**

(a) The personal or professional service offered in the contract.

FlightSafety Textron provides simulator training for the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Air Transport Services flight department.

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(b) An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency.

Continued pilot training is required in order for pilots to maintain the safety of the State aircraft and all passengers.

(c) An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service.

Garmin, the cockpit manufacturer, has confirmed that FlightSafety Textron is the only factory supported provider of Level-D simulator pilot training. The FlightSafety simulator is virtually an exact training replica of the State aircraft.

(d) An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable.

The negotiated costs for this service is only a 4% increase over the 2021 pricing. The contract pricing includes a 4% price escalation applied at the first of each calendar year.

(e) The efforts that the agency made to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

DFA has worked with FlightSafety Textron to ensure that the cost for the training is competitive.

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(f) Instructions for filing objections pursuant to Section 3-206.05 (Objection to Sole-Source Determination) with current contract information for the agency that is published the proposed sole-source contract and the OPSCR.

3-206.05 (Objection to Sole-Source Determination)

If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published in accordance with Section 3-206.04 (Publication) is not a sole-source service and that the service can be provided by another person or entity, the objecting person or entity shall notify the agency that published the proposed sole-source contract and the OPSCR in writing with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole-source service. The objection must be submitted to the agency within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the last publication under Section 3-206.04.

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The deadline for filing an objection is **5:00 PM CST December 5, 2022**. **DFA AND OPSCR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OR RESPONSES.** It is solely the responsibility of the interested Parties that responses reach DFA and OPSCR on time. Interested Parties may contact Saranne Smith to verify the receipt of their responses. Responses received after the deadline will be rejected.