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### **Notice of Intent to Issue a Sole Source Award**

This Special Notice is for informational purposes only. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Southeast Area (SEA) intends to award a sole source firm fixed price contract pursuant to the authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1) and FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i) to the following vendor:

The KBH Corporation  
395 Anderson Blvd.  
Clarksdale, MS 38614

Description of Requirement:  
Cotton Module Spear, U.S. Patent #D700,918

This requirement is for a module spear designed to facilitate handling of 6,000-pound round cotton modules in the field. The Stoneville Cotton Ginning Research Unit has the capability of producing the round modules with its current CP-770 cotton picker harvester. The module spear is required as an attachment to the unit's Terex Genie Telehandler for lifting and moving the round cotton modules.

This product is requested to support the USDA, ARS, SEA, Cotton Ginning Research Unit (CGRU) in Stoneville, MS.

This Notice of Intent is not considered an Invitation for Bids (IFB), Request for Proposals (RFP), or Request for Quotations (RFQ) nor does it restrict the Government as to its ultimate acquisition approach. No solicitation document is available and telephone requests will not be accepted. Responsible sources capable of providing the required service plan may identify their interest and technical capability to this requirement. The Government will not reimburse firms for any costs associated with preparing or submitting a response to this notice. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for the proposed acquisition is 333111 – Farm Machinery and Equipment Manufacturing, with a small business size standard of 1,250 employees.

All responses must be submitted to the Government by email only to Frank Palmer at [frank.palmer@usda.gov](mailto:frank.palmer@usda.gov) and shall be considered by the Agency. All responses must be submitted by 3:00 pm Mountain Time on Friday, March 24, 2023. The Government will be the sole determiner regarding an offeror's ability to meet all requirements. A determination not to open the requirement to competition based upon the responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government.