

INTENT TO SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE

The Del & Norma Robison Planetarium, located in Magruder Hall on the Truman State University (Truman) campus, is an academic resource to support courses in the sciences and fine arts, a community resource for regularly scheduled shows for the general public and an academic outreach to local K-12 and homeschool populations.

Truman intends to award a single feasible source purchase order to Evans & Sutherland, a Cosm Company, for the acquisition and installation of two projectors and associated alignment software to replace the current and outdated equipment located at the Robison Planetarium. The intended single source purchase is compatible with Evans & Sutherland's Digistar© planetarium platform currently utilized by the Robison Planetarium for daily operations. A single source explanation from Evans & Sutherland is outlined on the following page (page 2).

If you are aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or the award of this purchase order, you may be entitled to protest. To protest this solicitation, you must submit your protest within fifteen (15) days of the date this notice is posted. The protest must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Buyer noted below.

This notice of intent is not a request for competitive proposals. Any responsible sources who wish to identify their interest and capability to provide the items outlined in this notification, must notify the Purchasing Buyer as part of their protest. Truman State University, at its sole discretion, will determine whether to conduct a competitive procurement or proceed with single source purchase order.

SINGLE FEASIBLE SOURCE PURCHASE

Truman State University

Bid Number: SS24-002

Posted Date: May 14, 2024

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April 15, 2024

Subject: Digistar Planetarium Projector Upgrade

Truman State University:

This letter is intended to provide information regarding the University's **Digistar** digital planetarium system and to certify that **Evans & Sutherland (E&S)**, a **Cosm** company, is the sole provider of upgrades and the only vendor capable of providing solutions guaranteed to be compatible with existing systems and infrastructure.

Evans & Sutherland is the manufacturer, developer, and sole distributor of Digistar systems. Digistar is a full-stack solution consisting of planetarium software, image generator computers, and a projection system to deliver full-dome content.


We are the sole provider of Digistar projection systems with the expertise necessary to ensure the system's ongoing reliability. We are also the original provider and installer of the University's Digistar system. As such, we have the knowledge and familiarity to facilitate a seamless upgrade process.

Purchasing a projection system upgrade through E&S offers the following unique advantages, which are not available when purchasing through a third party:

- Projection systems purchased through E&S include custom projector mounts manufactured to specifications based on your theater. These allow for fine-tune adjustments to optimize full-dome image quality.
- Once installed, the projectors need to be aligned and blended. This is accomplished manually by an E&S technician or using E&S's proprietary Auto Alignment and Auto Blending systems. These systems operate through Digistar and only E&S has the expertise necessary to integrate new projectors with the systems during installation. Auto Alignment and Auto Blending are optional system add-ons and available at additional cost.
- When projectors and all other system components are purchased from—and delivered by—E&S, we are able to provide reliable, whole-system support. This allows us to provide warranties and service contracts for the life of the system. Our warranty includes unique benefits, including providing a spare projector to minimize downtime in the event a projector needs manufacturer servicing.

We look forward to working with you through this exciting upgrade to your planetarium. We are confident that we can deliver a world-class projection system, empowering you to delight audiences for years to come.

Sincerely,


Kirk D. Johnson
Chief Operating Officer



Evans & Sutherland

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