**Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Dr. Paul Veregge

 CIO/CMIO

**Date:** 12/11/2017

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number SS009026

**Contact Email Address:** solesource@umc.edu

**Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9026** for **Technology Assurance Program (TAP) year’s services and upgrades for 2 cmr42**, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the **TAP year’s services and upgrades for 2 cmr42** to **Circle Cardiovascular Imaging** as the sole source provider of the **TAP year’s services and upgrades for 2 cmr42**.

UMMC issues this notice in accordance with Mississippi state law, policy, and procedures for sole source procurements.

Sole Source Criteria

1. Where the compatibility of equipment, accessories, or replacement parts is the paramount consideration (and manufacturer is the sole supplier).
2. Where a sole supplier’s item is needed for trial use or testing.
3. Where a sole supplier’s item is to be required when no other item will service the needs of UMMC.

**Schedule**

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| **Task** | **Date** |
| First Advertisement Date | December 15, 2017 |
| Second Advertisement Date | December 26, 2017 |
| Response Deadline from Objectors | January 2, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time |
| Notice of Award/No Award Posted | Not before January 5, 2018 |

**Project Details**

1. **Describe the commodity/service that the institution is seeking to procure:**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) seeks to purchase Technology Assurance Program (TAP) year’s services and upgrades for 2 cmr42

Circle Cardiovascular Imaging is the sole provider of TAP year’s services and upgrades for cmr42 which is already owned by UMMC.

The cmr42 software is a cardiac MR post processing software that supplements Siemens workstations.

1. **Explain why the commodity/service is the only one (1) that can meet the needs of the institution/agency:**

Cardiac MR Image post-processing has to be done to generate data that is crucial for clinical diagnosis.

1. **Explain why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity/service:**

It has a very efficient and easy to use module to analyze iron depositions in the liver and heart. UMMC currently do not have this option on any other devices.

Sub-pixel measurement analysis-cmr42 is the only CMR software that uses specialized algorithms for quantitative measurements as the sub-pixel level which makes it the most accurate post processing software for both clinical applications and research projects.

CMR42 is the only software on the market that can analyze Myocarditis according to the Lake Louise Criteria, without having to use multiple software programs

CMR 42 has a unique and automated method for processing the CMR images while providing a 4D representation of the function and tissue analysis simultaneously in a multi-parametric map.

See supporting letter from **Circle Cardiovascular Imaging**, Attachment A.

1. **Explain why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:**

The estimated amount to be expended is for the purchase of the Technology Assurance Program (TAP) and upgrade of 2 cmr42s is $8,190.00. This amount is within the expected price range for these products.

1. **Describe the efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:**

Through market intelligence, UMMC was able to negotiate best pricing for these products. All applicable discounts were explored and applied.

**Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties**

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the **Technology Assurance Program (TAP) year’s services and upgrades for 2 cmr42**  (hereafter, “Products”) should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the Vendor Form for the State to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the sole source to Epiphany Healthcare. The Vendor Form may be found at <http://www.dfa.state.ms.us/Purchasing/documents/ObjectiontoSoleSourceDetermination.pdf>.

Objections must include the certification in Attachment B.

Comments will be accepted at any time prior to **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 3:00 p.m**. (Central Time) to solesource@umc.edu. Responses may be delivered via email to solesource@umc.edu. UMMC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES. It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach UMMC on time. Responses received after the deadline and responses that lack all required information will be rejected. UMMC reserves the right to inspect Interested Party’s commodity for comparison purposes.

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact solesource@umc.edu.

Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence

Attachment B: Objection Certification

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO**

**Sole Source Certification No. SS9026**

**Accepted until January 2, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.**

I certify that the information contained in this objection is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that UMMC will investigate all statements made in this objection and that any false or misleading information provided may result in adverse action.

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Objector Name

Objector’s title

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