**Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Dr. Paul Veregge

 CIO/CMIO

**Date:** November 6, 2018

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number **SS91113** for PaceArt Optima

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

**Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9113** for PaceArt Optma, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the PaceArtOptimato Medtronic Paceart as the sole source provider of the PaceArt Optima.

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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 | November 12, 2018 |
| Second Advertisement Date | November 19, 2018 |
| Response Deadline from Objectors | November 29, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time |
| Notice of Award/No Award Posted | Not before November 29, 2018 |

**Project Details**

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

Medtronic PaceArt® System – Model: Optima – Software is required to follow patients with implanted devices. PaceArt® is a system for efficiently and effectively compiling and managing cardiac rhythm device data from both in-clinic checks of devices as well as an aggregation tool. This is an upgrade of our existing system.

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

PaceArt holds all documentation for implanted devices, holds documentation for transtelephonic device checks, clinical and surgical procedures. The Optima upgrade will allow the provider to electronically sign the record in PaceArt which is part of the patient's electronic health record. This will aid in expediting the billing process as this is still a manual process. The upgrade will allow patient tracking and reporting capabilities along with a scheduling abilities.

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

It is already installed and working at UMMC. This will be an upgrade to the latest version of the software and not a total re-install. PaceArt is the only product that allows the capability to manage transtelephonic (TTM) monitoring of patients with implantable cardiac devices (ICD) and pacemakers.

This software is not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from Medtronic Paceart®, Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended is for the purchase of the Paceart®is **$188,400.00**. This amount is within the expected price range for these products.

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

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 **PaceArt**®**,**  (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 Medtronics PaceArt®. 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 Thursday, November 29, 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. SS9113**

**Accepted until Thursday, November 29, 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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