**Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** William P. Stitt

 Chief – Supply Chain Management

**Date:** August 16, 2018

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number SS5218 for **Standard Modular Operant Test Chambers and related components**

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

**Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) Sole Source Certification Number SS5218for **Standard Modular Operant Test Chambers and related components.** Please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase to MedAssociates, Inc. as the sole source provider.

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 | August 16, 2018 |
| Second Advertisement Date | August 23, 2018 |
| Response Deadline from Objectors | August 30, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time |
| Notice of Award/No Award Posted | Not before September 4, 2018 |

**Project Details**

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) is seeking to procure Four (4) Standard Modular Operant test chambers and related components for rats to be used in the Research setting.

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

The Department of Psychiatry currently has twelve (12) computer-controlled MedAssociates Standard Modular Operant Test Chambers for rodent research. The department is seeking to purchase four (4) identical units from the same manufacturer to increase work flow for behavioral testing. The additional operant chambers with be controlled by an existing computer with Med Associates software.

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

Additional test chambers should be identical to current for integration with existing software. The current operant test chambers are only manufactured and distributed by MedAssociates. See supporting letter from MedAssociates, Inc. Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended for the purchase of thestandard modular operant test chambers and related components is $50,000.00. 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 standard modular operant test chambers and related components (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 MedAssociates, Inc. The Vendor Form may be found at <http://www.dfa.ms.gov/media/1591/objectiontosolesourcedetermination.pdf>.

Objections must include the certification in Attachment B.

Comments will be accepted at any time prior to August 30, 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 A



Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO**

**Sole Source Certification No. SS5218**

**Accepted until August 30, 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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