**Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**To:** Interested Parties

**From: Ellen Swoger**

 CIO, Applications

**Date:** 7/22/2020

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number **SS9290** for OBIX Perinatal Data System

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

**Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number 9290 OBIX Perinatal Data System, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of OBIX Perinatal Data System to Clinical Computer Systems, Inc., as the sole source provider of OBIX Perinatal Data System.

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 | July 27, 2020 |
| Second Advertisement Date | August 3, 2020 |
| Response Deadline from Objectors | August 10, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time |
| Notice of Award/No Award Posted | Not before August 10, 2020 |

**Project Details**

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

Platinum Support, which includes: toll free technical phone support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; travel and on site labor; live OBIX system refresher webinars; OBIX online education for new staff; customization of documentation modules one time per calendar year; software updates to improve system feature and functions and required regulatory enhancements; and one upgrade to the then current version of OBIX after third year of paid service fees.

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

Platinum support allows the Labor and Delivery department to be supported remotely 24 hours a day, 365 days a year as they use OBIX to perform electronic fetal monitoring at the bedside. This support will help prevent any prolonged system outages.

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

Clinical Computer Systems's employees and engineers are the only people who support OBIX, they do not farm-out their support to any third-party. Their software is proprietary and so is their support for the software.

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 OBIX Perinatal Data System is $228,626.00. Please be advised that UMMC will determine if additional enhancements, upgrades, support, or equipment are within scope during the certification period and may increase the spending authority accordingly. Should Clinical Computer Systems, Inc. change their name during this certification period, then UMMC will determine if a recertification is necessary.

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 OBIX Perinatal Data System (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 Clinical Computer Systems, Inc. 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 Monday, August 10, 2020, 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. SS9290**

**Accepted until Monday, August 10, 2020, 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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