

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Ellen Swoger
CIO, Applications

Date: September 30, 2022

Re: Sole Source Certification Number 9523 Graduate Medical Education Interview Platform

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number 9523 for Graduate Medical Education (GME) Interview Platform, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Interview Platform, Thalamus, to S.J. Med Connect, Inc. as the sole source provider. Thalamus is a cloud-based interview management platform designed specifically for application to Graduate Medical Education training programs. Thalamus is the only cloud-based software that has its own virtual interview platform, which ensures that no travel is involved for GME interviews. Thalamus is unique in that it provides a full interview platform with single sign -on. Thalamus provides a reporting capability using AI and a Data and Analytics Dashboard that is not offered on other platforms.

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

Task	Date
First Advertisement Date	October 6, 2022

Second Advertisement Date	October 13, 2022
Response Deadline from Objectors	October 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before October 20, 2022

Project Details

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

Thalamus is a comprehensive fully customizable interview platform designed for Graduate Medical Education (GME). It integrates directly with each program's interview calendar, scoring, and notes. It is designed specifically for GME administrative workflow. Thalamus allows for interview day single log in and movement from one interview to the next while admin manages a master view, all within 1 program. It provides application review and scoring; invitations and tracking; and virtual format.

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

Thalamus is the only cloud-based software that has its own virtual interview platform. Thalamus is unique in that it provides a full interview platform with single sign-on. Thalamus provides a reporting capability using AI and a Data and Analytics Dashboard that is not offered on other platforms.

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

S.J. Med Connect, Inc is the manufacturer of this software and does not have resellers. See supporting letter from S.J. Med Connect, Inc, Attachment A.

4. 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 Graduate Medical Education (GME) Interview Platform, Thalamus is **\$25,000.00, for three years**. 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 S.J. Med Connect, 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.

5. 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 Graduate Medical Education (GME) Interview Platform, Thalamus in the Vendor Form for the State to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the sole source S.J. Med Connect, 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 Thursday, October 20, 2022 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. SS 9523

Accepted until Thursday, October 20, 2022 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.

Objector Name

Objector's title