**Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**To:** Interested Parties

**From: Ellen Swoger**

CIO, Applications

**Date:** December 1, 2022

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number 9536 Clinical Trial Management Software

**Contact Email Address:** [solesource@umc.edu](mailto:solesource@umc.edu)

**Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number 9536 for Clinical Trial Management Software, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the Clinical Trial Management Software, Ripple, to Ripple Science, Inc. as the sole source provider. Ripple is the communication hub among Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study (ARIC) Research Centers (UMMC is just one of the ARIC sites) while maintaining privacy for individual locations. This functionality can be replicated across an unlimited number of studies that require multi-site collaboration. Ripple is a way for the MIND Center to manage multiple studies/ancillaries going on at the same time. Ripple is configurable to meet the needs of every study protocol's unique workflow and security permissions. Additional Survey and Reporting tools enable more remote participant information capture and review of progress efficiently.

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 8, 2022 |
| Second Advertisement Date | December 15, 2022 |
| Response Deadline from Objectors | December 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time |
| Notice of Award/No Award Posted | Not before December 22, 2022 |

**Project Details**

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

Ripple is a web-based software solution and active registry, which is used by the UMMC MIND center, that facilitates the recruitment and management of research participants for clinical, translational and social science studies. Ripple Pro subscription features an advance survey.

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

This product is unique from others in that it is a patient-centric research management software designed to improve recruitment and retention in clinical trials. Ripple is a unique solution that helps clinical researchers manage the patient experience from recruitment through the completion of the clinical trial. Ripple is the only HIPAA-compliant web-based platform that actively manages the recruitment, retention, reporting, and registry of human subjects across multiple studies that is available for direct purchase.

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

This Clinical Trial Management Software is not available from any other distributor except Ripple Science, Inc. See supporting letter from Ripple Science, Inc., 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 Clinical Trial Management Software is estimated to be **$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 Ripple Science, 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 the Clinical Trial Management Software (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 Ripple Science, 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 Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to [solesource@umc.edu](mailto:solesource@umc.edu). Responses may be delivered via email to [solesource@umc.edu](mailto: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](mailto:solesource@umc.edu).

Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence

Attachment B: Objection Certification

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO**

**Sole Source Certification No. SS 9536**

**Accepted until Thursday, December 22, 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.

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Objector Name

Objector’s title

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