**Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**To:** Interested Parties

**From: Kevin Yearick,** CIO

**Date:** December 28, 2022

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number 9621 Peritoneal Dialysis Cycler Analyzer Software

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

**Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number 9621 for Peritoneal Dialysis Cycler Analyzer Software, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of Peritoneal Dialysis Cycler Analyzer Software, Sharesource Analytics, to Baxter Healthcare, Inc., as the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the peritoneal dialysis cycler used by UMMC for the home dialysis patient. Baxter is the sole source provider of the Sharesource Analytics software product, which is the only analysis product for this machine.

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 | January 2, 2024 |
| Second Advertisement Date | January 9, 2024 |
| Response Deadline from Objectors | January 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time |
| Notice of Award/No Award Posted | Not before January 16, 2024 |

**Project Details**

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

The peritoneal dialysis cycler is used to treat the home dialysis patient. Connectivity to the peritoneal dialysis cycler through Sharesource Analytics software will allow physicians and nurses to: analyze the patients’ peritoneal dialysis treatment to better prescribe and treat the patient; determine the effectiveness of the treatment; prevent the need for hospitalizations for most home patients; and the patient will experience better monthly laboratory results.

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

Baxter is the manufacturer of the current peritoneal cycler machine used by home patients. Sharesource Analytics is the only product for this machine and is only available through Baxter.

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

Baxter is the sole source of the Sharesource Analytics software products and does not authorize any third party to provide technical support to any of its products. See supporting letter from Baxter., Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended for the purchase of Peritoneal Dialysis Cycler Analyzer Software, Sharesource Analytics is estimated to be **$109,201.00 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 Baxter Healthcare, 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:**

Pricing is compared against available market intelligence and identified discounts are pursued where applicable.

**Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties**

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the Peritoneal Dialysis Cycler Analyzer Software, Sharesource Analytics (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 Baxter Healthcare, 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 Tuesday, January 16, 2024 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 9621**

**Accepted until Tuesday, January 16, 2024** **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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