

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Alfred D. Faulk III, Applications Officer

Date: February 7, 2024

Re: Sole Source Certification Number 9627 ExamSoft

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number 9627 for ExamSoft, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of ExamSoft to Turnitin, LLC as the sole authorized provider of support for ExamSoft.

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	February 15, 2024
Second Advertisement Date	February 22, 2024
Response Deadline from Objectors	March 1, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before March 1, 2024

Project Details

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

ExamSoft is specifically designed for educational assessment (i.e., student testing). ExamSoft helps achieve secure and stable delivery of exams via the Exemplify application and extensive reporting capabilities on individual item, exam, and student performance. ExamSoft's reporting tools empower institutions to measure student performance against learning objectives, competencies, and internal subject areas to identify at-risk students.

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

ExamSoft is the only computer-based testing (CBT) solution that provides a complete end-to-end platform with secure, hosted item banking, unified objective and subjective assessments via rubrics, and extensive scoring and reporting capabilities.

ExamSoft is the only CBT platform that can administer secure, offline exams on Windows, Mac, and tablet devices, including iPads and Surface Pros. This capability eliminates exam interruptions due to server or WiFi connectivity issues. Security features also include complete device control preventing access to third party applications during exam sessions.

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

Turnitin, LLC is the sole provider for ExamSoft and its constituent parts. No other vendor, reseller, or distributor can provide ExamSoft.

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

The estimated amount to be expended for the renewal and continued support of ExamSoft is estimated to be **\$175,460.00 for two 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 Turnitin, LLC 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:

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 ExamSoft (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 Instructure. 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 Friday, March 1, 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 9627

Accepted until Friday, March 1, 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.

Objector Name

Objector's title