**Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** William P. Stitt

 Chief – Supply Chain Management

**Date:** June 12, 2018

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number SS5208for **Tonapofylline**

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

**Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) Sole Source Certification Number SS5208for **Tonapofylline,** please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase to MedKoo Biosciences as the sole source provider.

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 | June 12, 2018 |
| Second Advertisement Date | June 19, 2018 |
| Response Deadline from Objectors | June 26, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time |
| Notice of Award/No Award Posted | Not before July 3, 2018 |

**Project Details**

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) is seeking to procure **Tonapofylline** to be used for research in rodents. Tonapofylline is an early stage drug candidate that has been used in trials to study the treatment of heart failure, renal insufficiency, and congestive heart failure.

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

Tonapofylline is specific for inhibition of sodium reabsorption by the proximal tubule of the kidney. The Department of Biochemistry has designed a research study to determine if sodium that gets to the distal nephron past the proximal tubule causes oxidative stress in the rats. Tonapofylline stops salt uptake in the kidney so it will be used as the control drug in the study.

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

Tonapofylline is only synthesized by Medkoo Biosciences. This is not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from MedKoo Biosciences, Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended is for the purchase of theTonapofylline for is $14,000.00. This amount is within the expected price range for these products.

1. **Describe the efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:**

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 Tonapofylline (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 MedKoo Biosciences. The Vendor Form may be found at <http://www.dfa.ms.gov/media/1591/objectiontosolesourcedetermination.pdf>.

Objections must include the certification in Attachment B.

Comments will be accepted at any time prior to June 26, 2018, 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 A



Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO**

**Sole Source Certification No. SS5208**

**Accepted until June 26, 2018, 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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