

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Jennifer Douglas
Administrative Director, Category Management and Procurement

Date: August 16, 2023

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS5794** for **Earbar Cooling System**

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS5794** for Earbar Cooling System, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase to Scion NeuroStim 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

Task	Date
First Advertisement Date	August 21, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	August 28, 2023
Response Deadline from Objectors	September 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before September 12, 2023

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) seeks to purchase custom earbar cooling system designed for rodents that allow delivery of earcanal cooling via a Peltier device controlled by a custom control system.

2. An explanation of why the commodity is the only one that can meet the needs of UMMC.

Scion NeuroStim initially developed the Peltier earbars and custom control system for an alternative source for the custom earbar cooling system. This system is the only one that meet the requirements with the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the recent guidelines published.

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

Scion NeuroStim is the sole manufacturer and supplier of this earbar cooling system. They are not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from Scion NeuroStim, Attachment A.

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

The estimated annual amount to be expended for the purchase of the earbar cooling system is \$12,000.00. This amount is within the expected price range for these products.

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

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 Earbar Cooling System, (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 Scion NeuroStim. 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 September 5, 2023, 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



3225 Surrey Road, Suite B, Durham, NC 27707, USA

November 6, 2020

Dr. Christopher Spankovich
U. of Mississippi Medical Center
Dept. of Otolaryngology & Communicative Sciences

Dear Chris:

This letter is to express my enthusiastic support for your grant application entitled: "Ear Level Cooling for Otoprotection" (revised). Having reviewed the aims and research plan, I find the work plan to be intriguing and well thought out.

Scion NeuroStim will support the work by providing our solid-state cooling system, which delivers caloric output to earbars appropriate for rodent studies. We will work with you to ensure that the system is modified, as needed, to achieve the test plan goals.

I look forward to interacting with you on this project and am optimistic that the outcome will point the way to providing effective protection in the future for patients at risk for hearing loss.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Black, Ph.D.
Vice President

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS5794
Accepted until September 5, 2023 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

Date