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 **SS5799** for **Software for Implantable Data Science International Telemetry System**

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Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS5799** for Software for Implantable Data Science International Telemetry System, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase to Data Science International (DSI) 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 the Ponemah Software System with Data Science International (DSI). The Ponemah Software System is a unique program that works with the implantable telemetry to record biopotentials and activity from freely moving animals. The animals can stay in their home cage, as the data will be transmitted via the receivers to the software for acquisition.

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

   UMMC currently owns implantable telemetric with DSI that are used in research now. Without the Ponemah software, the telemetry based assessment of activity and sleep cannot be performed. The software is used to analyze/allocate the data that gets collected using the implantable telemetry.

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

   DSI is the sole manufacturer and supplier of this Software for Implantable Data Science International Telemetry System. They are not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from DSI, 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 Ponemah Software and Receivers is $31,693.74. 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 Software for Implantable Data Science International Telemetry 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 Data Science International (DSI). 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.

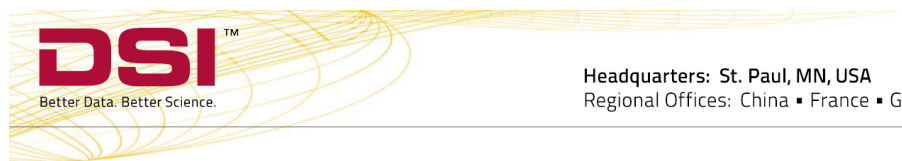Comments will be accepted at any time prior to September 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to solesource@umc.edu. Responses may be delivered via email to solesource@umc.edu. UMMC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES. It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties 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

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Better Data. Better Science.

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Regional Offices: China ▪ France ▪ Germany ▪ Italy ▪ The Netherlands ▪ UK

To Whom it May Concern:

DSI is the sole manufacturer of all DSI technology and headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA. DSI is the only company in the United States authorized to **sell our full product portfolio**; Large and small subject telemetry, Buxco respiratory solutions and Panlab behavioral system. This includes our physiologic monitoring platforms, associated software and devices for all species.

DSI's proprietary software, Ponemah, FinePointe and Neuroscore, are each solely owned and developed by DSI.

DSI is also the sole source for our novel continuous glucose monitoring implant, the HD-XG. It is the only pre-clinical device capable of continuous blood glucose monitoring for animal models.

DSI has produced research technology for over 30 years and established R&D and manufacturing efficiencies that enable DSI to provide market leading products at high volume and unmatched quality standards.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact DSI at the number below with any questions.

Thanks,

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Attachment B

SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS5799
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.

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Objector Name
Objector's title

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Date