

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Jennifer Douglas
Administrative Director, Category Management and Procurement

Date: September 14, 2023

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS5800** for **Cabinet Aquatic Washer and components**

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS5800** for Cabinet Aquatic Washer and components, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase to Tecniplast 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	September 18, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	September 25, 2023
Response Deadline from Objectors	October 2, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before October 9, 2023

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) seeks to purchase a cabinet aquatic washer and the components. This equipment will effectively remove algae and biofilm and limit the use of detergent that can be damageable to the zebrafish.

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

UMMC currently owns an Aquatic Facility with Tecniplast that is used for research purposes. The Cabinet Aquatic Washer and components will integrate with the currently owned facility and will be additional equipment needed for the zebrafish. This is the only commodity that is specifically designed to wash zebrafish tanks with the minimal use of detergent. Detergent can remain trapped on the plastic of the tanks in which can damage the zebrafish.

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

Tecniplast is the sole manufacturer and supplier of this Cabinet Aquatic Washer and components. They are not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from Tecniplast, 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 Cabinet Aquatic Washer and components is \$59,000.00. 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 Cabinet Aquatic Washer and components, (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 Tecniplast. 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 October 2, 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



Date: July 19th 2023

To:
University of Mississippi Medical Center
2500 N. State Street
Jackson, MS 39216

RE: Sole Source Justification for Purchase of Tecniplast Washer Aquatic Solutions equipment - CALYPSO - 9CALY001

Yann Gibert is requesting the purchase of Tecniplast Washer Aquatic Solutions from Tecniplast for the following reasons:

Tecniplast markets and distributes an assortment of Aquatic Holding Systems and Washing Equipment Worldwide. The company US headquarters at West Chester PA. Tecniplast facility has a warehouse with a wide selection of spare parts and consumables for all their equipment. This eliminates costly delays in receiving goods or services and improves customer satisfaction. They have an experienced Sales and Service Team which provides unmatched support to the aquatics industry. Tecniplast has always maintained that good animal care translates into good science with a global perspective; Tecniplast brings solutions that not only provide efficiency and durability but that also keep the animal's welfare in mind and exceeds the requirements required by regulators. Our participation and attention to the growing field of aquatic animal holding regulations is just one example of how Tecniplast ensures its clients are meeting not only the current but future regulatory demands in the industry.

As you can see from the points listed above Tecniplast is committed to exceeding the industry standards and customers' expectations. We do not compromise quality for pricing and stand behind all of our equipment with our 24-Month Warranty and dedicated customer support team. We appreciate the opportunity to bid this equipment and strive to work with you on all your research needs. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information for any of our products.

Sincerely,

Lance Squires

Lance Squires
Aquatics Business Manager
Tecniplast USA

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS5800
Accepted until October 2, 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