

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Dr. Paul Veregge  
CIO/CMIO

**Date:** 11/15/2017

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number SS9029

**Contact Email Address:** [solesource@umc.edu](mailto:solesource@umc.edu)

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## Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9029** for **(AMP) and Tracer Hospital Combo Program**, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the **(AMP) and Tracer Hospital Combo Program** to **Joint Commission Resources** as the sole source provider of the **(AMP) and Tracer Hospital Combo Program**.

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

<b>Task</b>	<b>Date</b>
First Advertisement Date	November 21, 2017
Second Advertisement Date	November 28, 2017
Response Deadline from Objectors	December 5, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before December 8, 2017

## Project Details

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

Tracers with AMP™ is a software tool that allows us to analyze our organization's performance and manage compliance data related to Joint Commission standards. It provides a site license to our accrediting body standards and access to 15,000 pre-built, customizable tracers plus new/updated tracer templates added continuously throughout the year.

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

Our healthcare organization is required to be accredited. Accreditation is mandatory in order to receive payment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Joint Commission is our accrediting body and the consulting branch of The Joint Commission is Joint Commission Resources. The requested product promotes our healthcare system's ability to maintain a successful accreditation status. This product has been used in our organization for the past 5 years and contains a significant amount of compliance data.

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

The tracer templates provide a direct link to the Joint Commission standards. A site license for our accrediting body standards is included in this combo product.

See supporting letter from **Joint Commission Resources**, Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended is for the purchase of the **(AMP) and Tracer Hospital Combo Program** is \$28,455.00. 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:**

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 **(AMP) and Tracer Hospital Combo Program**, (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 Epiphany Healthcare. 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 **Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.** (Central Time) to [solesource@umc.edu](mailto:solesource@umc.edu). Responses may be delivered via email to [solesource@umc.edu](mailto: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](mailto:solesource@umc.edu).

Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence

Attachment B: Objection Certification

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO  
Sole Source Certification No. SS9029  
Accepted until December 5, 2017, 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