

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Dr. Paul Veregge
CIO/CMIO

Date: April 25, 2018

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS9060** for **Abacus Software**

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9060** for **Abacus Software**, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the **Abacus Software** to **Baxter Healthcare Corporation** as the sole source provider of the **Abacus Software**.

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	May 1, 2018
Second Advertisement Date	May 8, 2018
Response Deadline from Objectors	May 15, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before May 15, 2018

Project Details

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

Abacus software powers the EXACTMIX TPN (total parenteral nutrition) compounder. It allows information entered into EPIC to be sent to the IV compounding station and ensure appropriate mixing and volume of admixtures to produce patient specific TPN formulations. This software ensures safe compounding of TPN through hard stops and limitations set by pharmacy specialists.

2. Explain why the commodity/service is the only one (1) that can meet the needs of the agency/institution:

Hospitalized patients that are unable to sustain their nutritional needs via a normal diet, other oral options, or tube feedings require an alternate means of maintaining a nutritional status that promotes healing and recovery. TPN is often the only viable means for some of our most ill patients to maintain an adequate nutritional status.

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

Abacus is the only software that will direct the EXACTMIX compounders that UMMC operates.

They are not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from **Baxter Healthcare Corporation**. Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended is for the purchase of the **Abacus Software** is **\$28,932.00**. Total investment to-date will be **\$28,932.00**. This amount is within the expected price range for these products.

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

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 **Abacus Software** (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 **Baxter Healthcare Corporation**. 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, May 15, 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 B

SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO

Sole Source Certification No. SS9060

Accepted until May 15, 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.

Objector Name
Objector's title
