

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

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

**Date:** August 7, 2018

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number **SS9090** for **Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule**

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

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## Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9090** for **Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule**, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the **Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule**, to **Western Psychological Services** as the sole source provider of the **Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule**.

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 10, 2018
Second Advertisement Date	August 17, 2018
	August 24, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before August 24, 2018

## Project Details

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

The Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) is a semi-structured assessment of communication, social interaction, and play (or imaginative use of materials) for individuals suspected of having autism or other pervasive developmental disorders. The ADOS consists of four modules, each of which is appropriate for children and adults of differing developmental and language levels, ranging from nonverbal to verbally-fluent.

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

These measures are being purchased for HRSA grant (MS Thrive!) use. A primary objective of the HRSA MS Thrive! grant is to perform developmental screenings and evaluations. This assessment tool would be used to perform these developmental evaluations for children who require further assessment to rule out Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and ultimately meet the objectives of the grant.

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

The ADOS-2 is the gold-standard autism evaluation tool for comprehensive evaluations of the disorder in psychology, developmental pediatrics, and speech-language pathology. There are no other comparable tools on the market to the ADOS-2 for comprehensive evaluations given its extremely wide acceptance and use among clinical professionals. While other brief screening measures exist (such as the Screening Tool for the Assessment in Toddlers; STAT), these are either age limited (i.e., 0-4 years) or are only meant for brief screening for autism and not for a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation. Put simply, the ADOS-2 is the only major recognized autism diagnostic tool there is.

They are not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from **Western Psychological Services**, 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 **Western Psychological Services Improve (TracDat)**, is **\$14,925.60**. Total investment o- date will be **\$14,925.60**. 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 **Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule**, (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 **Western Psychological Services**. 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 **August 24, 2018, 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. SS9090**

**Accepted until Friday, August 24, 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.

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Objector Name

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Objector's title