

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Ellen Swoger
Associate CIO

Date: 3/29/19

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS9155** for Elsevier Pure System

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9155** for Pure System, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the Pure System to Elsevier B.V. as the sole source provider of the Pure System.

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	April 4, 2019
Second Advertisement Date	April 11, 2019
Response Deadline from Objectors	April 18, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before April 18, 2019

Project Details

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

Pure System searches existing library databases, data sets, grants, and press clippings to provide a single view of scholarly/research output. Searches can provide information on each faculty/researcher.

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

Reliable information for institution and individual provides a snapshot of scholarly output with areas of interest/research. The public portal can show research and activities across the university and can also be searched for collaboration partners.

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

Elsevier Pure System uses MESH to match key concepts, disambiguates users, and uses Altmetric and Plum to measure bibliometrics. Public facing portal allows individuals outside the institution to view (in a common format) scholarly/research output.

It is not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from Elsevier B.A., 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 Pure System is **\$249,531**. 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 Pure 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 Elsevier B.V.** 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 Monday, April 15, 2019, 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. SS9155

Accepted until Monday, April 18, 2019, 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