

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Ellen Swoger
Associate CIO

Date: 5/31/2019

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS9177 Odyssey® CLx Infrared Imaging System Data Integrity™ Bundle**

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Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9177** for Odyssey® CLx Infrared Imaging System Data Integrity™ Bundle please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the Odyssey® CLx Infrared Imaging System Data Integrity™ Bundle to Li-Cor as the sole source provider of the Odyssey® CLx Infrared Imaging System Data Integrity™ Bundle.

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	June 6, 2019
Second Advertisement Date	June 13, 2019
Response Deadline from Objectors	June 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time

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

This is a near-infrared Western Blot Imaging system and data analysis package. It provides highly reliable, reproducible data imaging and analysis for western blots, which is critical for UMMC's planned studies aimed to quantify protein expression in human postmortem brain samples, which inherently result in large degree of variability, thus this system that limits variability and maximizes reproducibility of these measures is uniquely suited for these studies.

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

Li-Cor warrants that their image detection technology capturing a linear dynamic range of greater than 6 logs, allowing to capture the entire range of data in a single image and thus directly compare data from multiple data sets, together with their patented Data Integrity data analysis bundle, are not commercially available from any other source.

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

The data acquisition, allowing to capture the full range of data in one scan, allows for highly reliable, reproducible western blot measures that can be compared across data sets. Furthermore, the Data Integrity analysis bundle reduces user to user variability and provides the control and validation analyses needed for reliable, high quality publication data. LI-COR is the sole manufacturer, vendor, and service provider for the Odyssey CLx.

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 **Odyssey® CLx Infrared Imaging System Data Integrity™ Bundle** is **\$56,312.50**. 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 **Odyssey® CLx Infrared Imaging System Data Integrity™ Bundle**, (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 Li-Cor**. 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 **Thursday, June 20, 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. SS9177

Accepted until **June 20, 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