

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Ellen Swoger
CIO, Applications

Date: 11/9/2022

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS9525** for Periop 101: A Core Curriculum

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Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9525** for Periop 101: A Core Curriculum, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of Periop 101: A Core Curriculum to the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) as the sole source provider of Periop 101: A Core Curriculum

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	November 14, 2022
Second Advertisement Date	November 21, 2022
Response Deadline from Objectors	November 30, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before November 30, 2022

Project Details

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

The service will provide seats for registered nurses to complete Periop 101. Periop 101: A Core Curriculum is designed to provide registered nurses who have no previous experience with the basic knowledge and clinical skills necessary to function independently in an entry-level perioperative nursing position. At the completion of this course, it is expected that the nurse will be able to practice independently at the beginning level in a perioperative position. ***Periop 101: A Core Curriculum***TM (Periop 101) is a sole source online product, developed, sold, and licensed by the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN).

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

AORN is the national professional association for perioperative registered nurses and is the leader in perioperative nursing education for nurses in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. There are no like, comprehensive products based on AORN's proprietary *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* that would serve to educate perioperative nurses working in operating rooms.

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

The Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is the only developer and distributor of AORN Periop 101: A Core Curriculum.

See supporting letter from AORN, Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended for the purchase of Periop 101: A Core Curriculum is \$150,000.00 for three years. Please be advised that UMMC will determine if additional enhancements, upgrades, support, or equipment are within scope during the certification period and may increase the spending authority accordingly. Should the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) change their name during this certification period, then UMMC will determine if a recertification is necessary. 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 Period 101: A Core Curriculum (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 AORN. 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 Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 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. SS9525

Accepted until Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 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