

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Ellen Swoger  
CIO, Applications

**Date:** 11/3/2022

**Re:** Sole Source Certification SS 9530 LearningSpace Enterprise System Warranty Plan

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

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## Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number SS9530, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the Warranty Plan for LearningSpace Enterprise System, to CAE Healthcare, Inc as the manufacturer of the LearningSpace Enterprise audiovisual system. The University of Mississippi Medical Center is a current LearningSpace user in the School of Nursing and School of Medicine. 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 7, 2022
Second Advertisement Date	November 14, 2022
Response Deadline from Objectors	November 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before November 21, 2022

## Project Details

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

The cameras, audio kits, and speakers are used in the CAE proprietary, web-based Learning Space software application used to capture 360-degree HD video views. UMMC has adopted this product for its academic settings and has systems in place throughout the system in areas of the School of Nursing (SON) and School of Medicine (SOM). These products interface with the current system that is in place throughout the School of Medicine. The Learning Space Warranty Plan covers all Learning Space Systems, Product Families, and System Sizes that the School Of Nursing currently utilizes.

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

The School of Nursing requires HD equipment and software for the use of high-fidelity simulation and nursing skills scenario grading. We have 12 simulation suites and debriefing rooms that require this equipment to operate. This warranty product will ensure that the equipment will be covered for repairs and maintenance.

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

CAE is the sole provider of installation, training, technical services, warranty, and maintenance on LearningSpace. See supporting letter from to CAE Healthcare, Inc., 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 Warranty Plan for LearningSpace Enterprise System is **\$71,250.00** 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 to CAE Healthcare, Inc. 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 this software.

**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 Warranty Plan for LearningSpace Enterprise 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 CAE Healthcare Inc. 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, November 21, 2022, 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. SS9530**

**Accepted until Monday, November 21, 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.

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Objector Name

Objector's title