

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Ellen Swoger  
CIO, Applications

**Date:** 2/1/2023

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number 9548 Software Tool to Provide Pediatric-specific Comparative Data

**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 9548 for Software Tool to Provide Pediatric-specific Comparative Data, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of Software Tool to Provide Pediatric-specific Comparative Data, Inpatient Essentials, to National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, Inc. as the sole source provider.

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	February 6, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	February 13, 2023

Response Deadline from Objectors	February 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before February 20, 2023

## Project Details

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

Inpatient Essentials provides pediatric-specific comparative data from over 70 hospitals that are Children's Hospital Association members.

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

Inpatient Essentials is the only product that focuses solely on data relative to the care of children. This tool will enable UMMC's Childrens Hospital to work on efforts for length of stay of our patients and other valuable statistics.

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

The National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, Inc. as the sole source provider of Inpatient Essentials.

See supporting letter from The National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, Inc., 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 Inpatient Essentials is **\$66,521.00 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 National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, 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 these products

**5. Describe the efforts that the agency/institution went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity/service:**

Pricing is compared against available market intelligence and identified discounts are pursued where applicable.

## Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to believe that Inpatient Essentials, (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 The National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, 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, February 20, 2023, 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. SS9548**

**Accepted until Monday, February 20, 2023, 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