

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Ellen Swoger  
CIO, Applications

**Date:** 2/13/2023

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number 9550 Simpleware Software Maintenance

**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 9550 for Simpleware Software Maintenance please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of Simpleware Software Maintenance to Synopsys, 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 21, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	February 28, 2023
Response Deadline from Objectors	March 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before March 7, 2023

## **Project Details**

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

Synopsis imports 3D radiographic data (such as stacks of DICOM files), imports CAD designs of surgical tools and implants (such as STL files), performs 3D measurements, constructs solid models, creates finite elements meshes, assigns material properties to finite elements, performs virtual surgery, exports meshes to files that can be read by our finite element solver (ABAQUS).

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

It can read UMMC data files from previous projects that were created using this same software suite. It creates its finite elements mesh directly from the radiographs instead of from the solid model. This procurement is for software perpetual nodelock maintenance, which can only be done by the manufacturer, Synopsys, Inc.

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

Only Synopsys, Inc. can provide perpetual node maintenance on the Simpleware Software product. The Simpleware Software platform is not available through any third-party vendors in Mississippi. No other vendor can provide a quote for this software for academic purposes.

See supporting letter from Synopsys, 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 Simpleware Software Maintenance is **\$20,000.00 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 Synopsys, 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 Simpleware Software Maintenance, (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 Synopsys, 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 Tuesday, March 7, 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. SS9550**

**Accepted until Tuesday, March 7, 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