

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Ellen Swoger  
CIO, Applications

**Date:** 3/6/2023

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number 9555 Software for 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Equipment to Communicate with Siemens MRI Scanner

**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 9555 for Software for 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Equipment to Communicate with Siemens MRI Scanner please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of Software for 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Equipment to Communicate with Siemens MRI Scanner, Access-I, to Siemens Healthineers GMBH as the sole source developer and creator.

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	March 13, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	March 20, 2023
Response Deadline from Objectors	March 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before March 27, 2023

## Project Details

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

The UMMC Siemens MRI scanners have been upgraded to XA30 software. With XA30, all third parties that wish to connect to the scanner are required to do so through a Siemens Access-I router. The Access-I router is necessary for our MRI scanner to communicate with the Visualase MRI-Guided Laser Ablation system from Medtronic, which is to be used by neuro providers for tumor ablation procedures (LITT therapy). Prior to the Siemens software upgrade, this router was not necessary. The LITT therapy program is being held up until MRI can get this necessary tech.

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

Access-I is required for 3rd party vendor equipment to communicate with any Siemens MRI scanner.

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

Siemens Healthineers GmbH is the exclusive manufacturer and distributor of the Access-i software. See supporting letter from Siemens Healthineers GmbH, 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 Access-i software is **\$100,000.00 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 Siemens Healthineers GmbH 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 Access-i software (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 Siemens Healthineers GmbH. 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, March 27, 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. SS9555**

**Accepted until Monday, March 27, 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