**Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**To:** Interested Parties

**From: Ellen Swoger**

CIO, Applications

**Date:** 4/6/2023

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number **SS9566** Electronic Cancer Protocols

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

**Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification **SS9566** Electronic Cancer Protocols, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of Electronic Cancer Protocols, CAP eCP, to The College of American Pathologists (CAP) 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**

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

**Project Details**

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

Electronic cancer protocols (CAP eCP) are structured summary reports in a standardized XML format that enable the collection of cancer data elements essential for patient care and selection of treatment protocols. Pathologists are required to complete synoptic reports for certain testing protocols as part of the laboratory accreditation process. The CAP eCP product integrates with Epic to provide standard formats for these reports. They are updated periodically by CAP and implemented by Epic as data courier downloads. There are thousands of these reports and they are subject to change many times a year.

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

The electronic cancer protocols were developed by CAP and are copyrighted and not available from any other source.

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

There are no other distributors or agents authorized to maintain or support this product. See supporting letter from The College of American Pathologists (CAP), Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended for the purchase of Electronic Cancer Protocols is $52,000.00. 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 College of American Pathologists (CAP) 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.

1. **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 the Electronic Cancer Protocols 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 The College of American Pathologists (CAP). 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 Thursday, April 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. SS9566**

**Accepted until Thursday, April 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

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