

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Ellen Swoger  
CIO, Applications

**Date:** 4/18/2023

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number **SS9568** for Hospital-Based Medical Breast Milk, Donor Milk and Infant Formula Tracking System

**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 9568 for Hospital-Based Medical Breast Milk, Donor Milk and Infant Formula Tracking System please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase for Hospital-Based Medical Breast Milk, Donor Milk and Infant Formula Tracking System to Timeless Medical Systems as the sole source provider of for Timeless Medical Breast Milk, Donor Milk and Infant Formula Tracking System.

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	April 24, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	May 1, 2023

Response Deadline from Objectors	May 8, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before May 8, 2023

## Project Details

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

Timeless is the only hospital-based system that can track and trace breast milk, donor milk and formula. It is the only system that can scan and decode the 2D barcodes that come from Human Milk Bank Association of North America (HMBANA) Milk Bank.

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

UMMC currently uses Mothers' Milk Bank of Mississippi, which uses Timeless 2D labels for their product and Mead Johnson Nutrition (Enfamil). No other product is capable of scanning and decoding the barcodes on donor milk coming from this milk bank.

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

Hospitals are required to keep detailed records of donor milk feedings in their organization, and the only way to do this without utilizing the Timeless barcode scanner is through manual entry, which increases the potential of error.

See supporting letter from Timeless Medical Systems, 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 Hospital-Based Medical Breast Milk, Donor Milk and Infant Formula Tracking System is \$235,137.00. 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 Timeless Medical Systems 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 Hospital-Based Medical Breast Milk, Donor Milk and Infant Formula Tracking 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 Timeless Medical Systems. 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, May 8, 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. SS9568**

**Accepted until Monday, May 8, 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