# **Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**To:** Interested Parties

From: Ellen Swoger

CIO, Applications

**Date:** 10/27/2023

Re: Sole Source Certification Number SS9604 Artificial Intelligence Medical Scribe

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

#### **Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9604** for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Medical Scribe, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Medical Scribe, AutoScribe, to Ambience Healthcare, 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	November 2, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	November 9, 2023
Response Deadline from Objectors	November 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
	Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before November 16, 2023

## **Project Details**

- 1. Describe the commodity/service that the agency/institution is seeking to procure: Ambience AutoScribe is a fully automated Artificial Intelligence medical scribe that captures the nuances of clinician-patient conversation in real-time into a comprehensive note. The clinical documentation software is custom built for Medicine in a multi-specialty setting of over eighteen (18) medical specialties. Its AI combines a blend of machine learning research, deep medical knowledge, and real-time user interfaces to ambiently support doctors.
- 2. Explain why the commodity/service is the only one (1) that can meet the needs of the agency/institution:

The requirements for a fully-automated Artificial Intelligence solution that can generate comprehensive documentation are uniquely satisfied by Ambience Healthcare. Some of the unique characteristics of AutoScribe include but are not limited to:

The ability to generate documentation that is at the level of fidelity of what a trained human scribe would write, as reasonably evaluated by the clinician. The ability to generate this documentation without using any human medical scribes, quality assurance agents, or similar human support to review and edit the documentation prior to clinician review. The ability to generate documentation for visits during which there are multiple speakers present (such as the patient, their primary caregiver, and their family members).

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

Ambience Healthcare, Inc. is the sole source of AutoScribe. See supporting letter from Ambience Healthcare, Inc., 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 AutoScribe is \$61,900.00. 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 Ambience Healthcare, 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 AutoScribe (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 Ambience Healthcare, 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 Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to <a href="mailto:solesource@umc.edu">solesource@umc.edu</a>. Responses may be delivered via email to <a href="mailto:solesource@umc.edu">solesource@umc.edu</a>. 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.

Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence Attachment B: Objection Certification

# Attachment B

### SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO

**Sole Source Certification No. SS9604** 

Accepted until Thursday, November 16, 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.

Objector Name
Objector's title