

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Ellen Swoger
CIO, Applications

Date: 12/5/2023

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS9615** for National Comprehensive Cancer Network® Chemotherapy Order Templates

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Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number 9615 for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network® Chemotherapy Order Templates, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network® Chemotherapy Order Templates to National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®) as the sole source provider of the NCCN® Chemotherapy Order Templates.

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	December 11, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	December 18, 2023

Response Deadline from Objectors	December 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before December 27, 2023

Project Details

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

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®) is a not-for-profit alliance of 33 leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, and education. NCCN is the industry standard for oncology programs to ensure the most up-to-date treatment plans are available. NCCN Chemotherapy Order Templates are integrated into EPIC without compromising or accessing PHI and allow for modifications following approved guidelines. NCCN Guidelines support clinical decision-making related to the use of drugs, biologics, bio marker testing, imaging, and radiation therapy for patients with cancer. The NCCN Chemotherapy Order templates provide the most up-to-date information to improve the safe use of drugs and biologics in cancer care. Patient safety is enhanced by allowing standardized patient care, reducing medication errors, and anticipating/managing adverse events.

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

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®) content is solely owned and created by NCCN®. NCCN® is the only one who can provide access to the content and licensing agreements. Reselling of NCCN® Chemotherapy Order Templates is prohibited by their end user license agreement (EULA).

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

No other vendor distributes or supports the NCCN® Chemotherapy Order Templates. See supporting letter from NCCN®, 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 the NCCN® Chemotherapy Order Templates is \$130,450.00. 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 NCCN® 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 NCCN® Chemotherapy Order Templates (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 NCCN®. 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 Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to solesource@umc.edu. Responses may be delivered via email to 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.

Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence

Attachment B: Objection Certification

Attachment B

SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO

Sole Source Certification No. SS9615

Accepted until Wednesday, December 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.

Objector Name

Objector's title