

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Ellen Swoger
CIO, Applications

Date: 12/7/2023

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS9617** for Performance Analysis Software for Compliance with The Joint Commission Standards

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number 9617 for Performance Analysis Software for Compliance with The Joint Commission Standards, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the Performance Analysis Software for Compliance with The Joint Commission (TJC) Standards, Tracers with AMP™, to Joint Commission Resources, which is the consulting branch of TJC, 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	December 12, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	December 19, 2023

Response Deadline from Objectors	December 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before December 28, 2023

Project Details

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

Our healthcare organization is required to be accredited. Accreditation is mandatory in order to receive payment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Joint Commission is our accrediting body and the consulting branch of The Joint Commission is Joint Commission Resources. The requested product promotes our healthcare system's ability to maintain a successful accreditation status. Tracers with AMP™ is a software tool that allows us to analyze our organization's performance and manage compliance data and evidence related to Joint Commission (TJC) standards. It provides a site license to our accrediting body standards and access to a comprehensive sample library of tracer questions including over 15,000 pre-built, customizable tracers (plus new/updated tracer templates added continuously throughout the year).

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

The tracer templates are mapped directly to the Joint Commission standards, which are updated multiple times per year. This product has been used by our organization for the past 11 years and contains the majority of our evidence of compliance data to The Joint Commission standards.

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 Tracers with AMP™. See supporting letter from Joint Commission Resources, 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 Tracers with AMP™ is \$22,000.00 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 Joint Commission Resources 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 Tracers with AMP TM (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 Joint Commission Resources. 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, December 28, 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. SS9617

Accepted until Thursday, December 28, 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