**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](mailto: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 TM, 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**

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| **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 TM 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).

1. **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.

1. **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 TM. See supporting letter from Joint Commission Resources, 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 the Tracers with AMP TM 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.

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 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](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. 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.

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Objector Name

Objector’s title

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