

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Kevin Yearick, CIO

Date: 12/19/2023

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS9622** for RFID Tracking System for Blood Transfusion Service Inventory

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number 9622 for RFID Tracking System for Blood Transfusion Service Inventory, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the RFID Tracking System for Blood Transfusion Service Inventory, Biolog-Connect System, to Biolog-id LC. Biolog-id LC is the sole developer, provider and source of the Biolog-Connect 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	December 26, 2023
Second Advertisement Date	January 3, 2024
Response Deadline from Objectors	January 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time

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

The Biolog Connect System uses radio frequency identification (RFID) to manage and trace blood products within the Transfusion Service inventory. RFID is a method of uniquely identifying items that use electromagnetic radio waves (wireless air interface) to interact and exchange data between tags and the readers. The system includes hardware (kits, encoding stations), software, and consumables. Currently the Transfusion Service (TS) uses barcodes with the Safetrace computer system to manage and trace blood products. As TS staffing shortages continue, the use of systems that improve efficiencies are imperative. This new system will allow staff to eliminate the manual inventory counting processes that are performed 3 times a day. It will also ensure efficient blood product inventory management because we can track blood products real time so that blood product ordering practices and product turnover activities can occur more efficiently.

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

The Biolog Connect System is the only RFID tracking system in the United States.

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

The Biolog Connect System is a sole source product created, sold, and distributed exclusively by Biolog-id, LLC. See supporting letter from Biolog-id, LLC, 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 The Biolog Connect System is **\$245,000.00 for 2 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 Biolog-id, LLC 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 the Biolog Connect 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 Biolog-id, LLC. 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, January 10, 2024 at 3:00 pm, (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. SS9622

Accepted until Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 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