

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Stacy Baldwin
Agency Procurement Officer

Date: June 22, 2017

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS5102** for **Socialization Cages Alcohol Panels and Alcohol Cassette Towers**

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS5102** for Socialization Cages Alcohol Panels and Alcohol Cassette Towers, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase to Carter2 Systems, 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	June 22, 2017
Second Advertisement Date	June 29, 2017
Response Deadline from Objectors	July 7, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before July 10, 2017

Project Details

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) seeks to purchase 32 Alcohol Panels and two (2) Alcohol Panel Cassette Towers. The Alcohol Panels are custom designed assemblies that slide into the sides of the Non-Human Primate (NHP) Socialization Racks currently in use. There are electronic components including lights, feed hoppers, and liquid reservoirs that allow the animals to interact with the Alcohol Panels and allow consumption of various beverages and foods at certain times and intervals at the discretion and direction of the staff conducting the study. The Towers allow storage and mobility of the Alcohol Panels to and from the NHP Socialization Racks where they can be transferred into place and allows the staff to work on the Alcohol Panels when not in use. The Tower has four spots to hold Alcohol Panels, two spots for the upper cages and two spots for the lower cages. The Alcohol Panels can slide from the Tower to the NHP Socialization Rack and vice versa without having to lift the Panels. The panels and towers are proprietary to NHP Socialization Rack Caging Equipment currently used in UMMC Research that allow for vertical interaction between subjects and provide a safer environment for the researcher.

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

UMMC currently owns Socialization Rack Caging Equipment from Carter2 Systems that is used in research now in the Division of Neuroscience and Behavior in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior that allow for vertical interaction between subjects and provide a safer environment for the researcher. The Socialization Cages Alcohol Panels and Alcohol Cassette Towers are proprietary to the Socialization Rack Caging Equipment.

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

Carter2 Systems is the sole manufacturer and supplier of the Socialization Cages Alcohol Panels and Alcohol Cassette Towers. They are not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from Carter2 Systems, Inc, Attachment A.

4. Explain why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

The estimated amount to be expended for the purchase of the Socialization Cages Alcohol Panels and Alcohol Cassette Towers is **\$83,975.00**. This amount is within the expected price range for these products.

5. Describe the efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:

Through market intelligence, UMMC was able to negotiate best pricing for these products. All applicable discounts were explored and applied.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the Socialization Cages Alcohol Panels and Alcohol Cassette Towers (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 Carter 2 . 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 July 7, 2017 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 A



Carter₂ Systems, Inc.

P.O. Box 6206

Beaverton, OR 97007

June 15th, 2017

Re: Sole Source Letter for Carter2 Systems, Inc. Caging Equipment

To Whom It May Concern:

Carter2 Systems, Inc. is the sole manufacturer of the specific Socialization Cages, Alcohol Panels and Alcohol Cassette Towers. The Alcohol Panels will attach to the existing Non-Human Primate (NHP) caging equipment and the Alcohol Cassette Towers will allow mobility within the Laboratory at UMMC.

The Socialization Cages, Alcohol Panels and Alcohol Cassette Towers are proprietary and custom designed to fit with Carter2 Systems, Inc. Socialization Cages.

No other entity is otherized to sell Carter2 Systems products.

Sincerely,

Jerry Carter

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President

Carter2 Systems, Inc.

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Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS5102
Accepted until July 7, 2017, 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

Date