

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Stacy Baldwin
Agency Procurement Officer

Date: August 14, 2017

Re: Sole Source Certification Number SS5117 for DSI Ponemah Software System and Components

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number SS5117 for DSI Ponemah Software System and Components, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the DSI Ponemah Software System and Components to DSI, Data Sciences International, as the sole source provider of the DSI Ponemah Software System and Components.

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	August 21, 2017

Second Advertisement Date	August 28, 2017
Response Deadline from Objectors	September 5, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before September 6, 2017

Project Details

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

UMMC is seeking to purchase DSI Ponemah Software System which assists in collection, analyzing, and summarizing physiological data.

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

The DSI Ponemah Software System is currently used by UMMC. Purchase of this system and components will allow compatibility with current system. This telemetry system is currently used by UMMC researchers.

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

DSI, Data Sciences International, is the sole vendor for the DSI Ponemah Software System. This system will allow compatibility with current system.

See supporting letter from DSI, Data Sciences International, 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 DSI Ponemah Software System and components is \$71,542.00. This amount is within the expected price range for these products. See Attachment A.

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

When purchasing the equipment, the decision was made based on comparable pricing in accordance with the product's sustainability, durability, and ability to provide compatibility to current system. Through market intelligence, UMMC was able to obtain best pricing for these products.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the DSI Ponemah Software System and components (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 DSI, Data Sciences International. 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 Tuesday, September 5, 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



Headquarters: St. Paul, MN, USA
Regional Offices: China • France • Germany • Italy • The Netherlands • UK

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

CERTIFICATION OF SOLE PROVIDER

To Whom It May Concern:

DSI is the sole manufacturer of DSI technology and is headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA. DSI is the only company in the United States of America authorized to sell our full product portfolio. This includes our physiologic monitoring platforms, associated software and devices for all species.

DSI has produced research technology for over 30 years and established R&D and manufacturing efficiencies that enable DSI to provide market leading products at high volume and unmatched quality standards.

As the market leader in implantable telemetric physiologic monitoring, we are dedicated to innovation and have continually improved upon our numerous patented technologies to provide researchers with the purest form of data currently possible in research animal monitoring.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact DSI at the number below with any questions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rieux', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Eric Rieux
Vice President of Sales and Marketing

Data Sciences International (DSI)
erieux@datasci.com

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS5117
Accepted until September 5, 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