

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Stacy Baldwin
Agency Procurement Officer

Date: September 10, 2015

Re: Sole Source Certification Number SS0006 for replacement blowers and vents for Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number SS0006 for replacement blowers and vents for Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of replacement blowers and vents for Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks to Allentown, Inc. as the sole source provider of replacement blowers and vents for Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks.

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	September 10, 2015
Second Advertisement Date	September 17, 2015

Response Deadline from Objectors	September 24, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before September 24, 2015

Project Details

The University of Mississippi Medical Center seeks to purchase replacement blowers and vents for four (4) existing Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks made by Allentown, Inc. for use in its Department of Laboratory Animal Facilities. The requested replacement blowers and vents will be used to repairs four (4) micro-ventilated rodent racks which house rodents for research projects.

The micro-ventilated racks require the blowers and vents to circulate air throughout the rack. Without proper air flow the rodents would not be able to survive and thrive in the research setting. The replacement blowers and vents will be a substantial savings over purchasing four entirely new rodent racks. Justification is present as the Allentown, Inc. blowers and vents are thus required in this instance to be compatible with the existing Allentown Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks, serving as replacement parts, and as a component with the existing Allentown Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks.

The replacement parts will include the EFS110GRB0-0A4E Ecoflo, 115 Volt, Gray, Blue Label Touch Screen Blower that circulates the air in the rodent rack. The quote also includes EFV113GLB0-0X00 Ecoflo, 115 Volt, Gray, Blue Label, Blower Vent with Interconnect Cord. These replacement blowers and vents are paramount to UMMC's continued research funding and development, with laboratory animals.

Please refer to the Allentown, Inc. letter dated August 31, 2015, regarding sole source status, attached hereto as Attachment A.

The amount to be expended for the replacement blowers and vents for the Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks is \$22,892.00. This amount is within the expected price range of replacement parts for rodent racks.

Allentown, Inc. is the sole manufacturer and exclusive distributor within the United States for the proprietary micro-ventilated rodent rack replacement blowers and vents. 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 proprietary replacement blowers and vents for four existing rodent racks made by Allentown, Inc. should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for the State to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the sole source to Allentown, Inc.

1.1 Interested Party Information

1.1.1 Company Name and Address

1.1.2 Contact Name, Phone Number, and Email Address

1.1.3 Company Website URL, if applicable

1.2 Objection to Sole Source Certification

1.2.1 Interested parties must present specific objections to the sole source certification, including, but not limited to, the following:

1.2.1.1 A detailed explanation of why Interested Party believes the replacement blowers and vents for the Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks is not a sole source procurement.

1.2.1.2 If Interested Party claims a comparable product exists, the objection must contain:

1.2.1.2.1 A description of the commodity that Interested Party believes is comparable to the replacement blowers and vents for the Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks;

1.2.1.2.2 An explanation of why Interested Party's commodity can also meet the needs of the agency; and

1.2.1.2.3 A list of sources from which Interested Party's commodity may be procured.

1.2.1.3 If Interested Party claims that the replacement blowers and vents for the Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks is available from a source other than Allentown, Inc. the objection must contain:

1.2.1.3.1 A written statement from Allentown, Inc. that Interested Party is an authorized distributor or reseller of the replacement blowers and vents for the Micro-Ventilated Rodent Racks.

1.2.1.4 A statement regarding the Interested Party's capabilities as related to this sole source certification.

1.3 Objections must include the certification in Attachment B.

1.4 Comments will be accepted at any time prior to Thursday, September 24, 2015, 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



Tammy Seaton
2500 North State Street
The University of Mississippi Medical Center
Jackson, MS 39216-4505
United States of America

August 28, 2015

Dear Ms. Seaton,

In reference to quote 11266, please accept this letter as notice that we, Allentown, Inc. are sole manufacturer and distributor of our product within the United States. We do not enlist the services of distributors.

It should also be noted that the blowers quoted are designed to work with existing Allentown, Inc. equipment.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact our corporate office at 1-800-762-2243.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Hoy", written over a faint circular stamp.

Scott A. Hoy
District Sales Manager
Allentown, Inc.

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS0006
Accepted until September 24, 2015, 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