

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Stacy Baldwin
Agency Procurement Officer

Date: May 19, 2016

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS5035** for **Socialization Rack Caging Equipment**

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS5035** for Socialization Rack Caging Equipment, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the Socialization Rack Caging Equipment to Carter 2 Systems, Inc. as the sole source provider of the Socialization Rack Caging Equipment.

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	May 19, 2016
Second Advertisement Date	May 26, 2016
Response Deadline from Objectors	June 2, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before June 3, 2016

Project Details

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) seeks to purchase 47 non-primate, 6.25 sq. ft., right and left hand unit, one-over-one socialization racks. These are cages 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 Carter 2 Systems that are used in research now and this is an addition to equipment based on ongoing research needs. This purchase is tied to an NIH grant that specifies Carter 2 cages. If any other cages are used the grant will have to be resubmitted and funding will not be guaranteed. Also, the cassette panels on the Carter 2 cages have computer/digital components that are unique to various ongoing research programs. In addition to the unique components of the cassette, the cages have a dual sliding door design on the side of the unit that allows for the safe interchange of the cassette component in the cage wall.

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

Carter 2 Systems is the sole manufacturer and supplier of this Socialization Rack Caging Equipment. They are not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from Carter 2 Systems, Inc, Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended is for the purchase of the Socialization Rack Caging Equipment is \$487,750.00. 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 Rack Caging Equipment (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 Thursday, June 2, 2016, 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

May 9th, 2016

Sole Source Document

To Whom It May Concern:

Carter2 Systems, Inc. has developed a special Socialization Rack and Cage Unit design that the UMMC facility is currently using. We are the only Caging Manufacture with this specific design, developed for the sole purpose of the UMMC's study. These particular Cages are not available through any other distributors.

There were 11 Units designed and delivered back in 2014 with the intention of purchasing more Units when the expansion of the study required it. The Socialization Racks pair with one another and would be compatible with the new pending order. Additionally, these Racks are designed to accommodate other accessories specific to the study, such as various removable Alcohol Panels. Continuing the continuity in the cage design would prove to be very important and critical to the study.

Carter2 Systems, Inc. is not the only Caging Equipment manufacture on the market, however, C2SI is very well know for manufacturing high quality robust products that stand the test of time. Our products have been developed through the collaborations with our valued customers whom have used our competitor's equipment with great dissatisfaction, not only with quality but with functionality as well. Those past experiences shared by our customers have given Carter2 Systems a competitive edge when it comes to the design and fabrication of our products. We believe the least expensive product is not the one with the lowest sales price but the one that does not need continual service repairs, or modifications due to lack of forethought in the design for the intended usage of the product(s). Our customers have proven that the disappointment of poor quality will linger long after the thrill of a low price has faded.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jerry Carter'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'C'.

Jerry Carter
Carter2 Systems, Inc.

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Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS5035
Accepted until June 2, 2016, 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