

## **Sole Source request for Audioscan Verifit 2 Clinical REM/HIT**

- 1 **A description of the commodity that the agency is seeking to procure;** A Hearing Aid Verification system. This piece of equipment generates hearing aid prescriptive targets based on the audiogram, patient age, and hearing aid style and allows the clinician to measure sound pressure levels to verify the hearing aid is meeting patient needs. It also verifies hearing aid settings are not loud enough to further damage the individuals hearing loss. It has a test box, which the clinician can utilize to measure the hearing aid device if the patient is non-compliant (such as young children or individuals with disabilities) or the if patient is unavailable (parent drops off hearing aid for check).
- 2 **An explanation of why the commodity is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;** Verifit 2 is the only hearing aid verification system that offers binaural measurements and generates speech targets, which more closely simulates real world settings.
- 3 **An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity;** Verifit 2 is a very specialized piece of equipment. E3 Med-acoustics has been verified by the Audioscan company as the exclusive sales and services agent in the Mississippi and Louisiana area.
- 4 **An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable;** The cost is comparable to similar pieces of Audiology equipment. Real ear measures are recommended as best practice at new hearing aid fittings as well as new earmold fitting. During the past year, the Mississippi School for the Deaf Audiology department issued approximately 80 new hearing aid units and 116 new earmolds for a pediatric population.
- 5 **The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity;** E3 Med-acoustics and Audioscan were contacted separately to obtain a quote of the Verifit 2. Although E3 Med-acoustics is the sole source, both companies quoted the same price for the piece of equipment. Additionally, online research has indicated this is the expected cost for this piece of equipment.