

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Stacy Baldwin
Agency Procurement Officer

Date: September 8, 2016

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS5049** for **MicroFrance Wormald Bi-Polar Forceps**

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number SS5049 for MicroFrance Wormald Bi-Polar Forceps, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the MicroFrance Wormald Bi-Polar Forceps to Integra as the sole source provider of the MicroFrance Wormald Bi-Polar Forceps.

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 8, 2016
Second Advertisement Date	September 15, 2016

Response Deadline from Objectors	September 22, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before September 23, 2016

Project Details

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) seeks to purchase MicroFrance Wormald Bi-Polar Forceps. Bipolar forceps with suction help to achieve hemostasis during an endoscopic sinus and anterior skull base surgery. The longer forceps are able to reach the pituitary and are available in straight and up-curved versions. The MicroFrance Wormald forceps feature a slim profile and fine tips to help provide access within difficult-to-reach areas that other bipolar suction forceps cannot provide due to shape and size. This slim profile and ability to provide both suction and coagulation is needed for delicate head and neck procedures.

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

The Wormald has a unique design incorporating both suction and bi-polar coagulation into a single instrument. The different functions are “articulated” by the use of different ring-handle actuations. The integrated suction can be advanced independently to the cautery tips to help provide visibility of the operative site and can be retracted from the line of sight during cauterization. The integrated flush port facilitates cleaning and debris removal from the surgical site. This product remains the only product with these features and benefits on the market at the present time.

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

Integra is the sole provider for MicroFrance Wormald Bi-Polar Forceps. They are only available through Precision Surgical for the state of Mississippi as sole distributor. See supporting letter from Integra, 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 MicroFrance Wormald Bi-Polar Forceps is \$11,469. 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 MicroFrance Wormald Bi-Polar Forceps (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 Integra. 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, September 22, 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



August 10, 2016

Statement Regarding the Integra® MicroFrance® Wormald Bipolar Forceps

To whom it may concern,

Integra® MicroFrance® Wormald Bipolar Forceps with Suction (MCEN64, MCEN641 & MCEN643) help achieve hemostasis during endoscopic sinus and anterior skull base surgery. The longer forceps are able to reach the pituitary and are available in straight and up-curved versions. These forceps feature a slim profile and fine tips to help provide access within difficult-to-reach areas. The integrated suction can be advanced independently of the cautery tips to help provide visibility of the operative site, and then retracted from the line of sight during cauterization. An integrated flush port facilitates cleaning and debris removal.

Integra LifeSciences is the sole source provider of these forceps through authorized sales agents of which Precision Surgical is the authorized sales channel in Mississippi.

Regards,



Michael Schmidt
Sr. Global Product Manager

Please consult product labels and inserts for any indication, contraindications, hazards, warnings, precautions and instructions for use.

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS5049
Accepted until September 22, 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