

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Ellen Swoger  
CIO, Applications

**Date:** 5/6/2022

**Re:** Sole Source Certification SS 9480 Educational and Planning Tool for Resident Education

**Contact Email Address:** [solesource@umc.edu](mailto:solesource@umc.edu)

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## Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number SS9480, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of Educational and Planning Tool for Resident Education to the Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE). SCORE is an education and planning tool to help surgical residents prepare for operative cases; it offers study modules to supplement fundamental surgical, medical and patient care knowledge. SCORE develops and implements its material via an educational web portal, The SCORE® Portal.

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 12, 2022
Second Advertisement Date	May 19, 2022
Response Deadline from Objectors	May 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before May 26, 2022

## Project Details

**1. Describe the commodity/service that the agency/institution is seeking to procure:**

The SCORE curriculum defines surgical operations/procedures that residents are expected to be competent with by the end of the residency. SCORE focuses primarily on the five years of progressive education and training that constitute general surgery residency in the U.S., after medical school but prior to independent practice. SCORE's main objective is the creation of a standard national curriculum for general surgery residency training.

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

SCORE is the only educational resource that is put out from the American Board of Surgery and is aimed at surgery residents who take the American Board of Surgery In Training Exam and the qualifying and certifying exams. It is a required curriculum for the surgical residents at UMMC.

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

The vendor, The Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE®), is the sole authorized source to provide the SCORE Educational and Planning Tool for Resident Education. This is the only educational resource that is put out from the American Board of Surgery and is aimed at surgery residents who take the American Board of Surgery In Training Exam and the qualifying and certifying exams.

See supporting letter from The Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE®), Attachment A.

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

The estimated amount to be expended for the purchase of the SCORE Educational and Planning Tool for Resident Education is **\$30,000.00 for three years**. Please be advised that UMMC will determine if additional enhancements, upgrades, support, or equipment are within scope during the certification period and may increase the spending authority accordingly. Should The Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE®) change their name during this certification period, then UMMC will determine if a recertification is necessary. This amount is within the expected price range for this software.

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

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 purchase of SCORE Educational and Planning Tool for Resident Education (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 The Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE®). 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, May 26, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to [solesource@umc.edu](mailto:solesource@umc.edu). Responses may be delivered via email to [solesource@umc.edu](mailto: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](mailto:solesource@umc.edu).

Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence

Attachment B: Objection Certification

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO**

**Sole Source Certification No. SS9480**

**Accepted until Thursday, May 26, 2022, 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.

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Objector Name  
Objector's title