

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: William Stitt
Chief-Supply Chain Management

Date: November 27, 2017

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS5134** for a **Recording System for Auditory Evoke Potentials and Distortion Product Otacoustic Emissions in rodents and related accessories**

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) Sole Source Certification Number **SS5134** for a **Recording System for Auditory Evoke Potentials (ABR) and Distortion Product Otacoustic Emissions (DPOAE) in rodents and related accessories**, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase to **Tucker-Davis Technologies (TDT)** as the sole source provider.

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	November 27, 2017
Second Advertisement Date	December 4, 2017
Response Deadline from Objectors	December 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before December 18, 2017

Project Details

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

The equipment UMMC is seeking to purchase is a specialized stand-alone system that can be used to record Auditory Evoked Potentials (ABR) and Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emissions (DPOAE) in rodents. This is not a commodity or equipment that is widely available due to the bandwidth and frequency required for work with rodents.

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

The system is the only one that can provide hardware with the required stimulus bandwidth in excess of 80 Kilohertz (kHz) with the ability to acquire threshold measurements of ABRs and DPAOE in rodents. The magnetic speakers have detachable tips allowing them to be used in free-field or closed field work for high frequency stimulation required for rodent work.

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

The Equipment including Recording System for Auditory Evoke Potentials and Distortion Product Otacoustic Emissions in rodents and related accessories are solely distributed in the United States by Tucker-Davis Technologies, Inc. and unavailable from any other manufacturer or distributor.

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

The estimated amount to be expended is \$30,000.00. 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 **Recording System for Auditory Evoke Potentials and Distortion Product Otacoustic Emissions in rodents and related accessories** (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 **Tucker-Davis Technologies**.

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 Monday, December 11, 2017, 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



November 2, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Tucker-Davis Technologies is the sole manufacturer and US seller of the ABR & DPOAE workstation and related accessories. All components are assembled at TDT's facilities in Alachua, Florida.

Tucker-Davis Technologies has the sole copyrights to the following:

The microcode which controls the DSP chip on the hardware is copyrighted.

All TDT software is copyrighted and only functions with TDT hardware.

If you require additional information, in regard to this purchase as Sole Source please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Beth Smith'.

Beth Smith
Sales Associate
Tucker-Davis Technologies, Inc.
Phone: 386-462-9622

Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS5134
Accepted until December 11, 2017, 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