

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Dr. Paul Veregge
CIO/CMIO

Date: 8/18/2017

Re: Sole Source Certification Number SS9014

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Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9014** for **Celigo Software upgrade and Service Contract**, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the **Celigo Software upgrade and service contract to Nexcelom Bioscience, LLC** as the sole source provider of the **Celigo Software upgrade and service contract**. 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	August 24, 2017
Second Advertisement Date	August 31, 2017
Response Deadline from Objectors	September 7, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before September 11, 2017

Project Details

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) seeks to purchase software upgrade that will allow the existing equipment to provide high speed, fully automated imaging and quantification of our researchers cells grown in 3-dimensional cultures. Service contract will provide preventive maintenance and on site repairs if needed. We will also require remote online support, phone, and email support for our users. Allows for a software upgrade after 4.1 has been purchased and installed.

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

The current version of the Celigo software at UMMC is 2.1.4.2. Upgrading the hardware and software setting on the Celigo at UMMC. Researchers will be able to improve speed and increase throughput of each assay by 300%. Researchers can take advantage of 7 novel 3D applications, which are only available on the current Celigo 4.1.2 software, Ultimately the proposed service upgrade will increase user-ship and collaboration among UMMC scientists interest in basic and clinical research. Service will keep our equipment functional with preventive maintenance and allow any needed repairs to be made by a qualified technician within 24-48 business hours.

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

Software upgrade will allow our existing equipment to display 3D images which is vital to our Cancer Institute researcher's experiments and publications. Service and maintenance can only be provided by the vendor. They do not sell to outside suppliers. See supporting letter from **Nexcelom**, 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 **Celigo Software upgrade and Service Contract** is \$37,910.00. 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 **Celigo Software upgrade and Service Contract** (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 Epiphany Healthcare. 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 7, 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 B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS9014
Accepted until September 7, 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