

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Dr. Paul Veregge  
CIO/CMIO

**Date:** 11/8/2017

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number SS9027

**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 **SS9027** for **Lasergene Suite Network Renewal 4 yr Plan**, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the **Lasergene Suite Network Renewal 4 yr Plan** to **DNASStar, Inc.** as the sole source provider of the **Lasergene Suite Network Renewal 4 yr Plan**.

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 13, 2017
Second Advertisement Date	November 20, 2017
Response Deadline from Objectors	November 27, 2017
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before November 30, 2017

## Project Details

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

The Lasergene Core suit service plan will provide technical support, software updates and upgrades during the time of the contract.

The Lasergene Core suit consist of several DNA analyses software modules: SeqBuilder, PrimerSelect, EditSeq, MegAlign, GeneQuest, and SeqMan Pro.

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

The software will be used to analyze DNA sequences from the channel catfish for a NSF funded research project.

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

The Lasergene Core suit contains several unique DNA analyses components: MegAlign provides the tools for DNA, RNA, and protein sequence alignment using a range of alignment methods. GenQuest is a unique component with tools for identifying exons, introns, and splice sites. SeqMan Pro is used for Sanger sequencing assembly and is using the "Trace Evidence" algorithm to generate quality scores and consensus calling.

See supporting letter from **DNAS<sup>TM</sup> Inc.**, 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 **Lasergene Suite Network Renewal 4 yr Plan** is \$16,013.00. 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 **Lasergene Suite Network Renewal 4 yr Plan** (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 **Monday, November 27, 2017, 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. SS9027  
Accepted until November 27, 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.

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Objector Name  
Objector's title

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Date