

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Ellen Swoger
CIO, Applications

Date: 6/10/2021

Re: Sole Source Certification Number **SS9401** SAS Software Licenses

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding UMMC Sole Source Certification Number **SS9400** for SAS Software Licenses please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of SAS Software Licenses to SAS Institute, Inc. as the sole source provider of SAS Software Licenses.

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	June 14, 2021
Second Advertisement Date	June 21, 2021
Response Deadline from Objectors	June 28, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before June 28, 2021

Project Details

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center uses SAS software for big data projects (to wrangle 40 million observations or more), to run simulations to fit models, etc. SAS is needed to complete internal and external projects. This software also assists with data management to regression models to sample size calculations using this package.

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

SAS assists with teaching Data Science courses (Analytics, Survival Analysis, Longitudinal Analysis, Bioinformatics, and Advanced Statistical Genetics, etc.), to complete analyses for dissertation and internship projects, and to manage big data (sometimes 40 million observations or more). SAS is currently being used in programs like clinical trials and the FDA.

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

SAS Institute, Inc. is the sole provider of SAS Software Licenses.
See supporting letter from SAS Institute, Inc., 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 Maintenance for SAS Software Licenses is \$28,620.00. 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 SAS Institute, Inc. 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 these products.

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 Maintenance for SAS Software Licenses (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 SAS Institute, Inc.. 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, June 28, 2021, 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. SS9401

Accepted until Monday, June 28, 2021, 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
