

# Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Ellen Swoger  
CIO, Applications

**Date:** 12/6/2021

**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number 9443 Sterile Compounding Quality Management and Pharmacy Staff 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, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase of the Sterile Compounding Quality Management and Pharmacy Staff Education, Simplifi 797 ® and VeriForm ® solutions, to Pharmacy OneSource, Inc.

Simplifi 797 ® allows UMMC to comply with USP standards for Sterile Compounding in the Pharmacy IV rooms and VeriForm ® allows compliance with both State Board of Pharmacy and the Joint Commission associated with surveying/tracking hospital based locations for compliance. 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	December 9, 2021
Second Advertisement Date	December 16, 2021
Response Deadline from Objectors	December 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before December 23, 2021

## **Project Details**

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

Simplifi 797 ® with Critical Point and USP 800 provides UMMC with educational offerings and competency trainings necessary for UMMC pharmacy staff to be competent in USP standards in a continuous fashion. In addition, this service allows UMMC to appropriately document multiple compliance items that are needed to maintain compliance and control of our clean room suites. VeriForm ® allows compliance with both State Board of Pharmacy and Joint Commission associated with surveying/tracking hospital based locations for compliance.

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

This product provides subscriber access to Simplifi 797 ® and VeriForm ® and is a sterile compounding quality management and staff education program. No other vendor offers a combined quality management and staff education system. Documentation of this compliance is required by the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy.

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

No other vendor offers a combined quality management and staff education system. See supporting letter from Pharmacy OneSource, 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 Simplifi 797 ® and VeriForm ® support for three (3) years is **\$125,000.00**. 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 Pharmacy OneSource, 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 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 Simplifi 797 ® and VeriForm ®, (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 Pharmacy OneSource, 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 Thursday, December 23, 2021, 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. SS9442**

**Accepted until Thursday, December 23, 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.

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Objector Name  
Objector's title