

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Jennifer Douglas
Administrative Director, Category Management and Procurement

Date: May 7, 2020

Re: Sole Source Certification Number SS5464 for **Bio-Rad Bio-Plex Human Cytokine 15-Plex Assay sets and all ancillary reagents.**

Contact Email Address: solesource@umc.edu

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) Sole Source Certification Number **SS5464** for **Bio-Plex Human Cytokine 15-Plex Assay sets and all ancillary reagents**, please be advised that UMMC intends to award the purchase to Bio-Rad 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	May 11, 2020
Second Advertisement Date	May 18, 2020
Response Deadline from Objectors	May 26, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before June 2, 2020

Project Details

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

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) seeks to purchase the BioRad Bio-Plex Human Cytokine 15-Plex Assay sets and all ancillary reagent kits and standards to be used in the Research setting.

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

This Bio-Rad Bio-Plex human cytokine 15-plex assay sets and ancillary reagents have been custom made to analyze human plasma on the Bio-Rad Bio-Plex 200 suspension array system. The data is acquired, optimized with specific standards and controls, and analyzed specifically through the Bio-Rad Data Pro software application.

The customization of these assay sets were selected by the sponsor of a COVID clinical trial in which UMMC is one of the 21 sites conducting this clinical trial. The UMMC Human Immunology Inflammation Biomarker Core has purchased the Bio-Rad Bio-Plex 200 suspension array system specifically for this trial to conduct these assays.

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

Bio-Rad is the sole supplier of these clinical trial protocol-specific customized assay sets for the instrumentation/software applications. They are not available from any other distributor. See supporting letter from Bio-Rad, 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 Bio-Plex human cytokine 15-Plex assays sets and all ancillary reagents is \$230,000.00. 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 Bio-Rad Bio-Plex human cytokine 15-Plex assays sets and all ancillary reagents (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 Bio-Rad. The Vendor Form may be found at <http://www.dfa.ms.gov/media/1591/objectiontosolesourcedetermination.pdf>.

Objections must include the certification in Attachment B.

Comments will be accepted at any time prior to May 26, 2020, 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



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Dear Ms. Montgomery,

Bio-Rad is the sole distributor and manufacturer of all Bio-Plex Immunoassay products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Omar Qazi".

Omar Qazi

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Attachment B

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. SS5464
Accepted until May 26, 2020, 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