

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Craig P. Orgeron, Ph.D. 

CC: ITS Project Number 42554

Date: August 9, 2016

Re: Sole Source Certification Number 3908 for LexisNexis Accurint for Government Software Subscription Service Renewal for the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH)

Contact Name: Cerria Walker

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Contact E-mail Address: cerria.walker@its.ms.gov

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding Information Technology Services (ITS) Sole Source Certification Number 3908 for LexisNexis Accurint for Government software subscription service renewal for MSDH, please be advised that ITS intends to award the software subscription service renewal to LexisNexis Risk Solutions as the sole source provider of LexisNexis Accurint for Government through August 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$74,880.00. For an explanation regarding Mississippi state law, policy and procedures for sole source procurements, refer to Attachment C: Sole Source Procurement Overview.

Sole Source Criteria

1. The product or services being purchased must perform a function for which no other product or source of services exist:

LexisNexis utilizes Link ID technology in its searches to identify and correlate relationships between entities that otherwise appear unrelated. This technology allows MSDH users to search intelligently within billions of records by filtering, scrutinizing and linking, based on relevance, to connect seemingly unrelated data. LexisNexis has a fully integrated add-on tool to the existing Public Records Data Searches that leverages technology to enable MSDH to easily manage, share, and compare investigation case notes and information, both internally and externally with other state agencies. MSDH has made a business decision to continue using LexisNexis Accurint for Government software. The customer's sole source certification request is included as Attachment A.

2. The purchaser must be able to show specific business objectives that can be met only through the unique product or services:
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Accurint is used by MSDH's STD/HIV surveillance staff to find real-time contact information for individuals who have tested positive for priority STD communicable diseases. Accurint is also used to locate accurate contact information for their named social contacts. After the Board of Health required reporting of HIV Viral Loads to the MSDH, MSDH started using Accurint to locate previously HIV positive individuals who are not actively in HIV treatment. LexisNexis Accurint provides direct access to over 65 billion current public records to verify identities and conduct disease surveillance investigations. MSDH use LexisNexis Accurint to update location information for individuals that have been identified as having a communicable disease, specifically sexually transmitted diseases including HIV infection. MSDH also uses the database to identify location information for individuals who may have been exposed to communicable diseases and their sexual partners. Use of the database enhances MSDH's knowledge and ability to locate individuals for disease screening and treatment. It is essential that MSDH obtain access to this information to locate cases, offer treatment and prevent the spread of these infectious diseases. The customer's sole source certification request is included as Attachment A. receipt

3. The product or services must be available only from the manufacturer and not through resellers who could submit competitive pricing for the product or services:

LexisNexis is the sole source provider of Accurint for Government. The vendor's sole source certification letter is included as Attachment B.

Schedule

Task	Date
First Advertisement Date	08/09/16
Second Advertisement Date	08/16/16
Response Deadline From Objectors	8/23/16, at 3:00 P.M. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before 08/24/16

Project Details

MSDH originally procured the Accurint software subscription service in 2011 as a sole source. Since 2011, MSDH has expended approximately \$150,000.00 for the LexisNexis Accurint for Government software subscription service. The subscription service previously purchased by MSDH expired December 31, 2015. MSDH is now seeking to renew the subscription service for the Accurint for Government software through this procurement for 3 years.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the LexisNexis Accurint for Government software subscription service renewal should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for the state to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the Sole Source contract to LexisNexis Risk Solutions.

- 1.1 Interested Party Information
 - 1.1.1 Contact Name, Phone Number and email address
 - 1.1.2 Company Website URL, if applicable
- 1.2 Objection to Sole Source Certification

- 1.2.1 Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification using the criteria listed above.
- 1.2.2 A statement regarding the Interested Party's capabilities as related to this Sole Source Certification Request.
- 1.3 Comments will be accepted at any time prior to Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to Cerria Walker at cerria.walker@its.ms.gov or at the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, 3771 Eastwood Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39211. Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, e-mail or by fax. Fax number is (601) 713-6380. **ITS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES.** It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach ITS on time. Interested Parties may contact Cerria Walker to verify the receipt of their Responses. Responses received after the deadline will be rejected.
- 1.4 Interested Party responses should include the following information:

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. 3908-42554
Accepted until August 23, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.,
ATTENTION: Cerria Walker**

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Cerria Walker at 601-432-8013 or via email at cerria.walker@its.ms.gov.

- Attachment A: Customer Sole Source Certification Request
- Attachment B: Vendor Correspondence
- Attachment C: Sole Source Procurement Overview



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Sole Source Certification Request

Project Title: LexisNexis Accurint		Stimulus (ARRA) Funds? Yes No X	
Customer Contact Information			
Agency/Public University: Mississippi State Department of Health Address: P.O. 1700 Jackson, MS 39215		Contact Person: David Peyton Phone: 601-576-7723 Fax: 601-576-7909 Email Address: david.peyton@msdh.ms.gov	
MAGIC Customer Number (only required from state agencies): 310004909		Division/Dept.: Handmail: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Project Summary Narrative Description of Project (include details of original acquisition if applicable): LexisNexis Accurint is used as a search engine by the STD/HIV program staff to help locate clients that have been reported with sexual transmitted diseases and their partners who have been exposed to ensure appropriate treatment and other necessary follow-up.			
ITS Acquisition Approval (CP-1) should be effective through this date (Please allow time for all vendor invoices to be paid):			
Cost Estimates Fiscal Year	Initial Costs	Ongoing Costs	Time Constraints Item Needed by: 01/01/2016 Funds Expire:
2016-2017		\$24,960.00	Discuss Funding (e.g. how much of needed funding is definite; total project budget; any matching or other non state funds) Funding is 100% provided by HIV Prevention Cooperative Agreement
2017-2018		\$24,960.00	
2018-2019		\$24,960.00	
Total		\$74,880.00	
Acquisition Details			
Items Requested	Quantity	Description	Building Location(s)
Accurint	20	Licenses	Web-based
Describe platform & infrastructure (connectivity; software/hardware platforms; utilization of State Data Center resources: mainframe, eGovernment portal, payment engine, document management, hosting). For equipment or hosting outside the State Data Center, attach justification: Web-based program hosted by LexisNexis			
Progress to Date: What has been done related to this project, including any communication with ITS staff (data/voice/procurement/other)?			
Sole Source Certification Note: Certification must be renewed for each revision or continuation of previous Sole Source Approvals.			
Specific business requirements to be met by the requested products or services: Accurint is used by MSDH's STD/HIV surveillance staff to find real-time contact information for individuals who have tested positive for priority STD communicable diseases. Accurint is also used to locate accurate contact information for their names social contacts. After the Board of Health required reporting of HIV Viral Loads to the MSDH, MSDH started using Accurint to locate previously HIV positive individuals who are not actively in HIV treatment. LexisNexis Accurint provides direct access to over 65 billion current public records to verify identities and conduct disease surveillance investigations. MSDH use LexisNexis Accurint to update location information for individuals that have been identified as having a communicable disease, specifically sexually transmitted diseases including HIV infection. MSDH also uses the database to identify location information for individuals who may have been exposed to communicable diseases and their sexual partners. Use of the database informs MSDH's knowledge and ability to locate individuals for disease screening and treatment. It is essential that MSDH obtain access to this information to locate cases, offer treatment and prevent the spread of these infectious diseases.			
Explain why these products or services are the only ones that can meet your needs (include unique features/special functionality): LexisNexis utilizes Link ID technology in its searches to identify and correlate relationships between entities that otherwise appear unrelated. This technology allows MSDH users to search intelligently within billions of records by filtering, scrutinizing and linking, based on relevance, to connect seemingly unrelated data. LexisNexis has a fully integrated add-on tool to the existing Public Records Data Searches that leverages technology to enable MSDH to easily manage, share, and compare investigate case notes and information, both internally and externally with other state agencies. MSDH has made a business decision to continue using LexisNexis Accurint for Government software.			
Explain why the source is the only entity that can provide the products or services (Include other products/vendors researched or evaluated): LexisNexis is the sole source provider of Accurint for Government.			
Explain why the amount to be expended for the services is reasonable: N/A			
Explain what your agency did to obtain the best possible price for the services: N/A			
Vendor's Certification of Sole Source attached: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Vendor's proposal submitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
MAGIC Vendor Code(s) Vendor must be in MAGIC before a CP-1 can be issued.			



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July 27, 2016

Angela,

LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL Inc. ("LexisNexis") is the sole source provider of Accurint for Government. This powerful investigative tool is used by thousands of government agencies across the country to help agencies, locate debtors, enforce laws and regulations, fight fraud, waste and abuse, and provide citizen-centric services. Accurint for Government's next generation search technology enables government professionals to instantly gather and analyze current, comprehensive and authoritative LexisNexis public records efficiently and effectively.

LexisNexis Link ID™ Proprietary Advanced Data Linking

Link ID™ is a powerful data linking and analysis technology that works behind the scenes to make connections between seemingly unrelated data. Link ID allows users to search intelligently within billions of records by filtering, scrutinizing and linking, based on relevance, to connect seemingly unrelated data. Users receive the most comprehensive, accurate information delivered at industry-leading speed.

Link ID constantly creates associations between records and generates the most recent and relevant contact information available. Comprehensive, accurate data builds a multifaceted view of an individual from all angles. Link ID technology is included in all Accurint products.

LexisNexis Link technology is available exclusively from LexisNexis.

LexisNexis Accurint Case Connect—A LexisNexis Exclusive

LexisNexis Accurint Case Connect is a fully integrated add-on tool to the existing Public Records Data Searches in Accurint that leverages innovative data technology to enable Law Enforcement and Government agencies to easily manage, share and compare investigative case notes and information, both internally and with external agencies.

The primary tool in the Accurint Case Connect solution is Accurint Case Deconfliction. It allows investigators to "Opt-in" and instantly cross-reference and share case-related information in a secure environment. Plus, they can set up alerts to receive signals when data from their cases have been accessed by other officers, analysts or investigators. The "Opt-in" and "Case Enrollment" features give users complete control over the information shared, monitored and received. These valuable notifications can help government agencies avoid duplicating work and improve the overall efficiency of case investigations.

LexisNexis Accurint Case Connect is available exclusively from by LexisNexis.

Exclusive Search Capabilities—Available Only From LexisNexis

Only LexisNexis utilizes Link ID technology in its searches to identify and correlate relationships between entities that otherwise appear unrelated. No other provider offers this unique combination of proprietary linking technology and massive amounts of data. All of the following searches utilize the Link ID capabilities.

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Advanced Person Search – helps to identify individuals when specific information is not available, or the available information contains errors or is fragmented. The ability to link records based on partial information and to disambiguate and correct errors to create reliable links is a powerful feature only found in Accurint.

People at Work Search – search for records of people connected with businesses to locate your subject and recover revenue and assets. Officers, directors, small business owners and possible employees are just some of the types of records you will find in the People at Work search.

Phones Plus Search – track down phone numbers not typically available to increase your chances of finding your subject. Access over 268 million non-directory assistance records, including cell phone numbers.

Person Search – search for a person based on combinations of first name, middle name, last name, SSN, age range, date of birth, address, city, state, zip.

Death Records Search – search death records nationwide.

Business Search – search for a business based on combinations of company name, individual names, Federal EIN, address, city, state, zip, or telephone.

Corporate Filings Search – search for corporate filings based on combinations of company name, officer names, address, city, state, zip.

Fictitious Business Name - search by name, company, address, phone number, or filing number to find what name an entity is doing business as.

Federal Employer ID Numbers (FEIN) - search by company, FEIN, or address to find the FEIN assigned by the Federal Government to business entities expected to file federal tax returns.

Bankruptcies, Liens & Judgments Search - search bankruptcies, tax liens or judgments by name, SSN, Link ID, company, FEIN, address, or case number.

UCC Filings Search - search by company name or address to find UCC (Commercial Lien) filings.

Internet Domains Search - search by company name, contact name, address, or domain name to find internet domain registrations.

Email Search - search by name, SSN, Link ID, date of birth, address to find an email address for an individual or do a reverse search to find the individual that belongs to the email address.

FAA Aircraft Search - search for aircraft registrations based on combinations of names, address, or aircraft number.

Motor Vehicle Search - search for motor vehicle registrations based on combinations of first name, middle name, last name, driver's license number, license plate, company name, SSN, address, city, state, zip.

Property (Property Assessments, Deeds & Mortgages) - search by name, company, address, or parcel number for property tax assessments and property deed records.

Watercraft Search - search commercial and personal craft by name, company, address, hull ID, or vessel name.

Driver's License Search - search driver's license registrations based on combinations of first name, middle name, last name, driver's license number, SSN, Link ID, date of birth, address, city, state, zip.

Professional Licenses Search - search by name, social security number, address or professional license number to find individuals that have or have had a professional license.

FAA Certifications Search - search by name or address to find individuals that have or have had pilot, mechanic, trainer, or other FAA certifications.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Search - search by name, address, or SSN to find individuals that have or have had hunting or fishing licenses.

Federal Firearms & Explosives Search – search by name, address, or license number to find individuals or businesses that have or have had ATF firearms and explosives licenses.

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Concealed Weapon Permit Search – search by name, address or SSN to find individuals that have or have had a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

DEA Controlled Substances Search - search by name, address or SSN to find individuals or businesses that have or have had DEA controlled substances licenses.

Voter Registration Search - search by name, address or SSN to find voter registration records.

Directory Assistance Search – search for listed phone numbers based on combinations of first name, middle initial, last name, phone number, address, city, state, zip.

Canadian Phones - search over 12 million Canadian records with coverage including all 10 Provinces and 3 Territories by name, address, or phone number.

Civil Court Records Search – search by name or address to find civil court records.

Official Records Search - search by name and location for miscellaneous official court filings and other documents.

Marriages & Divorces Search - search marriage and divorce records by name, location, filing number, or Link ID.

Foreclosures Search - search foreclosure records by name, company, or address.

Accidents (FL data only) - search accident reports by name, SSN, company, address, accident number, license number, VIN, or tag number.

Relevant Link Analysis - presents relationships between individuals, addresses, vehicles, and corporations. Users expand links dynamically and develop a continuously evolving network of interrelationships.

Comprehensive Reports - creates a combined, comprehensive report compiled from all datasets for either a company or a person.

Business Reports - creates a combined, comprehensive report for a company, including address, contact information, phone, and FEIN.

Resellers- There are no resellers of the Account Product.

LexisNexis has more than 35 years of experience in the information industry. We know how to maintain a reference repository over time, manage the collapsing of multiple entities into a single one, or break apart an existing entity into multiple entities as new information is added to the repository. No other solution provider has the experience, reference data, algorithms and tools that LexisNexis has created to link information.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 937-247-1564 or tom.tamplin@lexisnexis.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachment C: Sole Source Procurement Overview

The acquisition of information technology for all state agencies and institutions of higher learning (IHLs) is within the scope of the ITS law, found in Mississippi Code Section 25-53-1, et seq., and the policies and procedures established in accordance with this statute, found in the ITS Procurement Handbook posted on the ITS website (www.its.ms.gov).

ITS enabling legislation requires that information technology hardware, software and services be acquired in a manner that insures the maximum of competition among all manufacturers and suppliers of such equipment and services. Accordingly, ITS promotes full and open competition through the issuance of open specifications and the objective evaluation of Interested Party proposals to determine the lowest and best offering to meet an agency's or public university's business requirements. True competition protects the integrity and credibility of purchasing in the public sector and is essential in providing best value and adequate contractual protection for the purchasing entity. In certain limited situations, information technology acquisitions may be sole-sourced.

ITS utilizes the provisions of Public Purchasing Law for Sole Source and Emergency procurements of information technology. Mississippi Public Purchasing Law (Mississippi Code Section 31-7-13) specifies that noncompetitive items available from one source only be exempted from bid requirements (sole-sourced). ITS statute, in Section 25-53-5 (p), permits ITS to utilize provisions in Public Purchasing Law or regulations, when applicable.

Per Public Purchasing law, acquisitions must meet the following criteria to be authorized as sole source:

1. The product or services being purchased must perform a function for which no other product or source of services exists,
2. The purchaser must be able to show specific business objectives that can be met only through the unique product or services, AND
3. The product or services must be available only from the manufacturer and NOT through resellers who could submit competitive pricing for the product or services. The vendor's correspondence regarding this criterion for this project is included as Attachment B.

By policy as documented in the ITS Procurement Handbook, acquisitions of IT services must include the following information to be authorized as sole source:

1. An explanation about why the amount to be expended is reasonable, and
2. An explanation regarding the efforts by the purchaser to obtain the best possible price.

For state agencies, approval of all technology purchases with a lifecycle cost of \$5,000 or less, including sole source purchases, has been delegated to the agency. The ITS Procurement Limits Policies for Agencies (a section in the ITS Procurement Handbook) require a minimum of two competitive written bids or proposals for technology purchases with a lifecycle cost over \$5,000 but not over \$50,000 (not over \$25,000 for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). Since, for single source items, the procuring agency will be unable to obtain two written bids, ITS must certify all sole source acquisitions of information technology with a lifecycle cost greater than \$5,000.

Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) or public universities have been delegated the authority to certify sole source procurements up to \$250,000 lifecycle cost under the ITS Procurement Limits Policies for IHLs (a section in the ITS Procurement Handbook). For the certification of sole source procurements delegated to the CIOs at public universities, the public university must follow ITS' Sole Source Procedure, including advertisement of the intent to award as sole source. Institutions certifying a sole source purchase must ensure the criteria listed above are met and documented in writing by the institution and the Interested Party prior to certifying a product or service as sole source. Sole source documentation must be reviewed and approved by the IHL's CIO for any sole-source certification above \$5,000. All sole source documentation should be retained in the public university's procurement file. Sole source requests above \$250,000 lifecycle cost require ITS approval.

Attachment C: Sole Source Procurement Overview

Other than the delegations outlined above, all sole source technology procurements must be certified by ITS. The customer's Sole Source Certification Request for this project is included as Attachment A.

ITS thoroughly reviews Sole Source Certification Requests, determining if competing products and/or services exist. If so, ITS conducts a competitive procurement. If ITS' review confirms the sole source, then a Sole Source advertisement is issued, giving other Interested Parties an opportunity to identify competing products and/or services. Based upon the results of the Sole Source advertisement, ITS will either certify the request as a sole source or conduct a competitive procurement.