

## Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Craig P. Orgeron, CPM, Ph.D.  
**CC:** ITS Project Number 49209  
**Date:** May 21, 2026  
**Re:** Sole Source Certification Number 4726 for fingerprint scanner maintenance and support for the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS)  
**Contact Name:** Mikayla Smith  
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**Contact E-mail Address:** Mikayla.Smith@its.ms.gov

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### **Sole Source Certification Award Details**

Regarding Information Technology Services (ITS) Sole Source Certification Number 4726 for the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS), please be advised that ITS intends to award Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC, as the sole source provider of fingerprint scanner maintenance and support through September 7, 2029 in an amount not to exceed \$59,634.66. Please be advised that ITS will determine if additional products or services are within scope during the certification period and may increase the spending authority accordingly. Should Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC change their name during this certification period, then ITS will determine if a recertification is necessary. For an explanation regarding Mississippi state law, policy and procedures for sole source procurements, refer to Attachment B: 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 exists:

**MDRS's LiveScan fingerprinting scanners were originally purchased through the GSA Schedule 70 cooperative agreement, and were configured to scan, capture, and submit fingerprints as part of certain background check and criminal history evaluations. The equipment and biometric software embedded in the equipment are proprietary to Idemia, and there are no other companies authorized to perform maintenance services on Idemia systems. LiveScan devices are vetted, well-proven, and reliable.**

2. The purchaser must be able to show specific business objectives that can be met only through the unique product or services:

**House Bill 1485, approved on April 1, 2010, authorized MDRS to fingerprint and perform criminal background checks on individuals performing services on behalf of MDRS. The fingerprint scanners can capture fingerprints, ensure secure and accurate identification, compliance with regulatory standards, integrate with existing systems, verify identities through databases, and uphold NIST standards.**

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:

**By nature of the proprietary hardware and software components and the overall system design, there are currently no other companies authorized to perform maintenance on Idemia systems. There are no resellers of Idemia’s maintenance, and no resellers or distributors can perform the services because the software is proprietary. The Vendor’s sole source certification letter is included as Attachment A.**

**Schedule**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Date</b>
First Advertisement Date	5/19/26
Second Advertisement Date	5/26/26
Response Deadline From Objectors	6/5/26 at 3:00 P.M. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before 6/8/26

**Project Details**

In 2010, the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services used the U.S. General Services Agreement (GSA) Schedule 70 to purchase fingerprinting equipment, maintenance, and services from L-1 Identity Solutions Inc. The company was acquired by Morpho USA, Inc., which rebranded to Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC in 2017. In 2022, MDRS bought thirty-three LiveScan turnkey systems with maintenance through GSA Schedule 70. In November 2024 MDRS purchased an additional LiveScan system. MDRS is now looking to procure maintenance for these thirty-four systems. The total spend-to-date is \$703,638.11.

**Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties**

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the fingerprint scanner maintenance and support 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 Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC.

- 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 Wednesday, June 5, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to Mikayla Smith at [Mikayla.Smith@its.ms.gov](mailto:Mikayla.Smith@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 Matthew Livingston 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:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO</b> <b>Sole Source Certification No. 4726-49209</b> <b>Accepted until June 5, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.,</b> <b>ATTENTION: Mikayla Smith</b></p>
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If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Mikayla Smith at 601-432-8147 or via email at [Mikayla.Smith@its.ms.gov](mailto:Mikayla.Smith@its.ms.gov).

Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence

Attachment B: Sole Source Procurement Overview



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October 10, 2025,

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RE: Sole Source

IDEMIA Identity & Security USA LLC is the leader in Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems Worldwide. Our equipment is manufactured and integrated at 10250 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

By nature of the proprietary hardware and software components and the overall system design, there are currently no other companies authorized to perform maintenance services on our systems. There are no resellers of IDEMIA's maintenance, and no resellers or distributors can perform the services because the software is proprietary. IDEMIA will not act as a subcontractor to any other vendor.

Thank you for your continued support of IDEMIA. We look forward to a long partnership with you.

Sincerely,

*Cheryl Wales*

Cheryl Wales  
Maintenance Agreement Specialist  
IDEMIA Identity & Security USA LLC

## Attachment B

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](http://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 A.

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 \$75,000 (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.

Other than the delegations outlined above, all sole source technology procurements must be certified by ITS.

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.