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Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Craig P. Orgeron, CPM, Ph.D.

CC: ITS Project Number 49555

Date: June 9, 2026

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Re: Sole Source Certification Number 5008 to provide Adabas and Natural application software maintenance and support for the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS)

Contact Name: Denetta Durr

Contact Phone Number: 601-432-8022

Contact E-mail Address: Denetta.Durr@its.ms.gov

Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding Information Technology Services (ITS) Sole Source Certification Number 5008 for the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) please be advised that ITS intends to award Software AG, LLC as the sole source provider of Adabas and Natural application software maintenance and support through July 31, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,241,024.40. 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 Software AG, 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:

The Department of Human Services operates multiple legacy systems that rely on Adabas and Natural applications to service the citizens of Mississippi. The Adabas and Natural application environment require software maintenance and technical support that can only be provided by Software AG.

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

MDHS requires ongoing software maintenance and technical support for its existing Adabas database and Natural application environment. Software AG is currently the exclusive provider of proprietary source code, mission-critical security updates, and tiered technical support essential for maintaining system integrity. Substituting these components would require rewriting the entire system.

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:

Software GmbH, the parent company of Software AG, LLC, is either the original manufacturer or authorized licensor of the Adabas and Natural application software and that, to the best of our knowledge, Software AG, LLC is the sole entity authorized to provide the State of Mississippi with both the licenses and maintenance and support services for such software (including fixes, updates, and new versions). The Vendor’s sole source certification letter is included as Attachment A.

Schedule

Task	Date
First Advertisement Date	06/09/26
Second Advertisement Date	06/16/26
Response Deadline From Objectors	06/23/26 at 3:00 P.M. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before 06/24/2026

Project Details

In November 2015, ITS on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) issued RFP No. 3784 for the acquisition of services and software to re-host Adabas and Natural application to a Linux platform. On May 10, 2016, an award was issued to Cambria Solutions, Inc. As a result, a five year Software License Agreement was executed on December 21, 2016 and a Professional Services Agreement was executed on December 22, 2016. On July 15, 2019, an Assignment and Assumption Agreement was executed to assign the contract from Cambria Solutions, Inc. to Software AG USA, Inc.

Since July 1, 2021, a series of amendments have been executed to continuously extend the Adabas and Natural application software maintenance and support agreements through June 30, 2026. Since 2016, MDHS has spent a total of \$7,447,027.69 on maintenance and support services.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the Adabas and Natural application software 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 Software AG, 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 Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) to Denetta Durr at Denetta.Durr@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 Denetta Durr 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;">SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO Sole Source Certification No. 5008-49555 Accepted until June 23, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m., ATTENTION: Denetta Durr</p>
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If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Denetta Durr at 601-432-8022 or via email at Denetta.Durr@its.ms.gov.

- Attachment A: Vendor Correspondence
- Attachment B: Sole Source Procurement Overview

Attachment A

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By Email To: denetta.durr@its.ms.gov

May 21, 2026

State of Mississippi
 Department of Human Services
 Denetta Durr
 3771 Eastwood Dr
 Jackson, MS 39211

Dear Mrs. Durr,

This letter serves as written confirmation that Software GmbH, the parent company of Software AG, LLC, is either the original manufacturer or authorized licensor of the following software and that, to the best of our knowledge, Software AG, LLC is the sole entity authorized to provide the State of Mississippi with both the licenses and maintenance and support services for such software (including fixes, updates, and new versions).

Product Name	Product Code
Adabas SQL Gateway	ACE
Adabas	ADA
Natural Construct	CST
ESP Auto	CROEA
ESP Batch	CROEB
ESP Control	CROEC
Natural	NAT
Natural for Ajax Runtime Open Systems	NJXOS
Natural	NAT
Natural Security	NSC
Entire Access for TCP/IP	OSX
Adabas	ADA
Natural Development Server	NDV
NaturalONE	ONE
Entire Net-Work Client	WCL
Predict	PRD
Adabas Encryption	AEL
Event Replication for Adabas LUW Source	ARNS1
Natural Availability Server	NHA
Entire Net-Work	WCP
Entire Connection	PCC

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Department of Human Services. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Attachment B

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DocuSigned by:
Morgan Shelton

Morgan Shelton
Vice President, Legal Americas

cc: Rosalie Ingraham, Enterprise Account Executive, Rosalie.Ingraham@softwareag.com

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 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.