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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 49688

Date: July 21, 2026

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Re: Sole Source Certification Number 5014 to provide real time change data capture (CDC) and synchronization software licenses and maintenance for the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS)

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Sole Source Certification Award Details

Regarding Information Technology Services (ITS) Sole Source Certification Number 5014 for the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS), please be advised that ITS intends to award Treehouse Software, Inc., as the sole source provider of real time change data capture (CDC) and synchronization software licenses and maintenance through July 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00. If MDHS opts to renew the real time change data capture (CDC) and synchronization software licenses and maintenance, this sole source certification shall be valid for up to two additional years. Please be advised that MDHS will determine if additional products or services are within scope during the certification period and may increase the spending authority accordingly. Should Treehouse Software, Inc., 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:

Rocket Data Replicate and Sync (RDRS) formerly tcVISION provides the ability to retrieve archived data from MDHS's legacy ADABAS protection logs (PLOG). Software AG's ADABAS uses transactional data that is currently replicated to various MDHS MS SQL Server Databases. These PLOGs are created in a proprietary format by Software AG. Treehouse Software, Inc. is licensed by Software AG to create software that can generate the required information. Treehouse Software, Inc. is the only

distributor permitted to license and provide technical support and training for the RDRS software to the State of Mississippi. The RDRS software focuses on change-date capture (CDC) to transfer information between mainframe data sources, various databases, and applications. Changes made in any mainframe application are automatically tracked and captured without additional programming efforts, and then shared across various mainframe applications such as DB2, ADABAS, etc.

MDHS has completed applications conversion efforts to migrate agency applications from the existing mainframe environment at the ITS Data Center to a Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) x86 Platform. The migration includes all the associated mainframe ADABAS databases. The RDRS software is needed to support the RHEL x86 ADABAS to MS SQL Server. This allows the current replication efforts to remain intact post-conversion and allow for future growth on the new platform. The existing ADABAS CDC license/module must be retained to meet potential audit needs. Software provides the ability to retrieve archived data for an audit from the ADABAS PLOG archives.

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

RDRS provides MDHS with the ability to meet audit requests for data from both MDHS's legacy z/OS Mainframe and its post-conversion Linux x86 platforms. The backed up ADABAS PLOGs are not backwards compatible for use, which makes it difficult to access specific transactions from archived PLOGs in MDHS' new environment in case of an audit. To fix this issue, the existing ADABAS CDC license/module will reside on the RHEL Server alongside the ADABAS LUW license/module. Neither will be on the mainframe, giving MDHS the flexibility to move forward while still being able to access the old environment if needed. Over time, the old ADABAS 7.4.4 PLOGS will age out and any archived data will be based on the newer version of ADABAS. The ADABAS CDC license/module will become obsolete.

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:

Rocket Software is the sole owner of the Rocket Data Replicate and Sync (RDRS/tcVISION) software product. Treehouse Software, Inc., is an authorized reseller of RDRS/tcVISION and is the exclusive reseller authorized to license the software to the State of Mississippi. The Vendor's sole source certification letter is included as Attachment A.

Schedule

Task	Date
First Advertisement Date	07/21/26
Second Advertisement Date	07/28/26
Response Deadline From Objectors	08/04/26 at 3:00 P.M. Central Time
Notice of Award/No Award Posted	Not before 08/05/26

Project Details

In February 2014, ITS on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS), executed a Software License and Maintenance Agreement with Treehouse Software, Inc. as the sole source provider of real time change data capture (CDC) and synchronization system,

software licenses, and maintenance. In February 2014, ITS began issuing Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source for real time change data capture (CDC) and synchronization software licenses and maintenance. No objections have been received to date. MDHS has spent \$955,752.00 on these products.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to believe that the RDRS software licenses and maintenance 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 Treehouse Software, Inc.

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 4, 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:

**SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
Sole Source Certification No. 5014-49688
Accepted August 4, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.,
ATTENTION: Denetta Durr**

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



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July 15, 2026

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Please contact finance@treehouse.com if you have any questions.

Terri Hammerschmitt

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Finance Manager

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).

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.