

# **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI**

## **Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source**

**# SS 091**

**The University of Mississippi (UM) anticipates purchasing the item(s) listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase as a sole source shall follow the procedures outlined below.**

**Commodity or commodities to be purchased (manufacturer, model, description):**

Bruker BioSpin Corporation System spectrometers: Bruker AVANCE NEO 400 NanoBay digital NMR spectrometer System and Bruker AVANCE NEO 300 NanoBay digital NMR spectrometer

**The need to be fulfilled by this item(s) and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:**

NMR spectrometers are required to support the research and educational missions of any chemistry department, particularly at an R1 institution. These new instruments are needed to replace two very old NMR spectrometers that are well beyond their service lifetimes (21 and 30 years old). The old 300 MHz NMR was purchased in 1988 for both teaching and research and is no longer functional. The old 500 MHz NMR was purchased in 1997 for research and has become unreliable, typically requiring repairs one or two times each month. Only Bruker instruments can be fully integrated with or exchange parts with the existing NMR facilities in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (as well as the School of Pharmacy).

**Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):**

Bruker BioSpin Corporation is the only source of instruments that can be fully integrated with or exchange parts with the existing NMR facilities in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (as well as the School of Pharmacy).

**Why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:**

A deeply discounted package deal has been secured from Bruker for the purchase of both the 300 MHz and 400 MHz instruments at the same time. Purchased separately, the two spectrometers would likely cost at least \$75,000 more.

**Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:**

The department chair began discussing this acquisition and the department's NMR needs with

the Bruker VP for NMR Applications & Training at the spring national meeting of the American Chemical Society in March 2018. The regional sales representative from Bruker, David Vargas, visited the department in April 2018 to determine the optimal solution for our needs.

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

**Interested parties who have reason to believe that the item(s) above should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for UM to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the Sole Source purchase.**

#### **1.1 Interested Party Information**

**1.1.1 Contact Name, Phone Number, Address 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 Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 10:00 am (Central Time) to Katherine Jones at [kajones4@olemiss.edu](mailto:kajones4@olemiss.edu) (with Cc: to [purchase@olemiss.edu](mailto:purchase@olemiss.edu)) at The University of Mississippi Procurement Services Department, 164 Jeanette Phillips Drive, PO Box 1848, University, Mississippi 38677. Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, or e-mail. The envelope or email should reference the sole source number. UM WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES. It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach UM on time. Interested Parties may contact Katherine Jones to verify the receipt of their Responses. Responses received after the deadline will be rejected.**

**If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, UM determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then UM will withdraw the sole source certification and submit the procurement of the commodity to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.**

**If UM determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then UM will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board for approval to purchase.**