

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

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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):

Horiba Scientific QuantaMaster 8075-21 Spectrofluorometer

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:

This instrument is necessary for two main reasons: 1) It is necessary for fluorescence experiments to be performed as part of our \$20 million funded grant from the National Science Foundation "Center for Emergent Molecular Optoelectronics (CEMOs)" (NSF OIA-1757220) that require detection out to 3400 nm with the highest sensitivity possible. Specifically, we need to be able to have detection over a range from 185 nm to 3400 nm continuously with full computer control and the option for future expansion. 2) It is compatible with our two current Horiba Scientific instruments (LabRAM HR Evolution Raman Microscope System and FluoroMax Fluorimeter) which is required for our research.

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

HORIBA Instruments Inc. is the direct supplier for Horiba instruments. This Horiba instrument is required to be compatible with our current Horiba instruments.

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

This instrument with its high sensitivity and extended range into the infrared will be unique in the Southeastern US and help make our molecular spectroscopy facility a desired destination for high level collaborations.

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

We negotiated with the company for an eventual 12% discount.

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 Monday, January 28, 2019 at 10:00 am (Central Time) to Katherine Jones at kajones4@olemiss.edu (with Cc: to 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.