

# UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

## Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

# SS 286

**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):**

Accessories for Bruker Biospin ESR5000

**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:**

Bruker Biospin is the manufacturer of the ESR5000 purchased for research by Dr. Kensha Clark. Bruker Biospin is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the following accessories for the Bruker Biospin ESR5000 benchtop EPR system: liquid nitrogen variable temperature accessory (E8000109), liquid nitrogen finger dewar (E8000210), finger dewar holder (8000205), electrochemical cell (E800244), SpinCount (E8000341), SpinFit (8000342). These are the only accessories compatible with the ESR5000.

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

These items are solely manufactured and distributed by Bruker BioSpin and cannot be procured through any other source.

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

Without these accessories, the instrument is unable to perform the functions required to further research.

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

We have worked closely with the Bruker Biospin sales rep, Tim Laker to obtain the best possible pricing of the instrument itself, and Tim has extended that same process with these accessories.

**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, October 17, 2022 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.**