

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

SS 337 Voyager Nitrogen Laser

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):

Voyager Nitrogen Laser. Manufactured by LSI, Thermo Laser Science, and Newport Spectra Physics. DISCONTINUED

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:

The laser used in the Voyager has been discontinued by the manufacture, Spectra Physics. Spectra Physics no longer manufactures or services this laser. There are no other lasers with a comparable spot size, power, and repetition rate suitable for properly ionizing samples with the VOYAGER MALDI laser optic system.

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

JBI Scientific LLC is the only company authorized to provide repairs, service, and training for this commodity.

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

An industry comparison shows the proposed price for this commodity is cheaper than other similar items offered in the industry. Newer MALDI units are more expensive (both to purchase and maintain) and do not provide the same level of effectiveness for ionizing larger protein molecules.

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

The vendor has agreed to include training as a part of the installation of the laser with no additional costs.

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, August 28th, 2023 at 10:00 am (Central Time) to Aaron Stone at awstone@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 Frank Kemp 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.