

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

SS 041

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):

Waters Xevo TQD Benchtop Tandem Quadrupole Mass Detector

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 piece of equipment (Waters Xevo TQD benchtop tandem quadrupole mass detector) that the department is seeking to procure is a replacement detector for an existing Waters ultra-performance liquid chromatography (UPLC) system. The previous Water's detector is over 10 years old and hasn't been in working condition for the past 2 months. This analytical system currently supports research including three funded NIH grants, two contracts, and fourteen individual projects. Therefore, it is imperative that this detector be replaced as soon as possible. It is the key piece of equipment supporting in Drug Metabolism Pharmacokinetics Core of the NIH COBRE CORE-NPN grant. Because it is a replacement piece of equipment, procuring this equipment from the same vendor will ensure that the two pieces are compatible and that the software that currently controls the system works with both pieces of equipment. Lastly, it is extremely important that when service is required, that the service engineers are able to diagnose both pieces of the system.

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

Waters Technologies Corporation is the only vendor that will guarantee 100% compatibility and will diagnose/service the existing UPLC. There are many vendors that provide tandem quadrupole mass detectors, however, most of these vendors manufacture detectors specifically for use with their specific brand of UPLC. Therefore, the only replacement tandem quadrupole mass detector that is specifically designed to be 100% compatible with the existing Waters UPLC is the Waters Xevo TQD benchtop tandem quadrupole mass detector.

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 Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at 3:00 pm (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.