

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

SS 019

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):

Mini Pressure Reaction Apparatus, 300 ml, removable head Alloy C-276 (Hast C-276)

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:

Our research requires a stirred high pressure reactor rated to a maximum pressure of 3000 psi with temperature control up to 300 °C and stir rate control. The materials of construction must be resistant to corrosive environments, specifically highly basic medium and moderately acidic medium. This system (2510161501) will contain a custom alloy (C-276) with custom alloy head fittings and valves. The reactor must have a minimum of 5 ports to connect tubing, thermocouples, pressure gauges and safety devices like rupture disks and pressure relief valve. This system has a patented Split-ring design (U.S. Patent No. 2625296) allows easy access of the pressure vessel without disturbing any connections or fittings on the head. This patented design is the only one that will allow fast and easy access to the inside of the reactor for adequate loading, unloading, and cleanup of the reactor.

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

Parr Instrument Company has a patent on their Split ring design. They are the only manufacturer that provides a reactor with the combination of characteristics required by our research. The quoted system (2510161501) will contain a custom alloy (C-276) with custom alloy head fittings and valves for which they are the sole manufacturer and direct seller.

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 Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 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.