

Mississippi Crime Laboratory
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
Sole source # 3150000142

The Mississippi Crime Laboratory (MSCL) is seeking to purchase an ELISA Chemiluminescent Biochip Array Analyzer and commodities from RANDOX.

1. Description of the commodity or commodities the MSCL is seeking to procure:

Make & Model: RANDOX Biochip Array “Evidence” Analyzer

Description: The RANDOX Evidence Analyzer is based on the Biochip Array Technology (BAT). It is the only analyzer which can do multiplex forensic toxicology testing. Also, it is the only analyzer which can generate results of up to 22 parent and 51 metabolites for drugs of abuse that are found in DUI or crime lab toxicology samples. It uses a highly advanced nine point calibration and provides quantitative results and detects over 110 synthetic cannabinoid and designer drugs. No other product or analyzer can do these testing functions.

2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that can meet the needs of the Agency:

RANDOX offer ELISA kits for the detection of over 100 synthetic cannabinoids. Mississippi is currently leading the nation in emergency room visits related to the use of SPICE compounds (synthetic cannabinoids) and potentially numerous deaths. The Mississippi Crime Laboratory has determined that this offering far exceeds the availability from any other related product or manufacturer of ELISA based detection systems. It is extremely important that the MSCL have the technology to analyze biological samples from different matrices for the presence of SPICE compounds and Bath Salts (cathinone related derivatives). The RANDOX analyzer will comprehensively test for all synthetic and designer drugs eliminating the need for outside testing and saving the state resources. A comprehensive custom panel can be created based on the testing needs of the state crime lab.

3. Explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:

RANDOX is the only supplier of a commercially chemiluminescent biochip array technology instrument and reagents kits available for use in forensic laboratories. Multiple vendors make ELISA based instruments, however only RANDOX offers the BAT technology with a large scope of designer analytes.

4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

Estimated Cost:

	Purchase of Biochip Array	
Instrument/Installation	\$150,000	
Reagent Kits	\$1-\$1.50/test	Test Price may vary on quantity purchased
Warranty/Maintenance	\$ 15,000	One additional year maintenance beyond warranty
Validation	\$4,000	Validation on blood and urine

Amount is within the expected price range of this caliber of laboratory equipment.

5. Efforts the Agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:

The amount for this type of instrument is consistent with other types of immunoassay products.

RANDOX holds all applicable patents. Both the Biochip Array Technology for multiplex testing and the Evidence analyzer have registered patents in the US of America under patent numbers US 6498010 and US2009053824.

All options to obtain the best possible price for the commodities have been taken.

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the commodity listed is not sole source and can be provided by another person or entity should submit a written notice to:

Sonya Toaster or Betsy Toles
Procurement Department
4th Floor, Room 402
1900 East Woodrow Wilson Avenue
Jackson, MS 39216

The notice should contain a detailed explanation of why the commodity is not a sole source procurement, as well as, but not limited to the following information:

Interested Party Information

- Contact Name, Phone Number, and email address
- Company Website URL, if applicable

Objection to Sole Source Justification

- Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification, including, but not limited to the following:

- a) A description of the commodity or commodities that Interested Party believes is comparable to the ELISA Chemiluminescent Biochip Array Analyzer;
 - b) An explanation of why Interested Party's commodity or commodities can also meet the needs of the agency; and
 - c) A list of sources from which Interested Party's commodity may be procured.
- If Interested Party claims that the ELISA Chemiluminescent Biochip Array Analyzer and commodities are available from a source other than RANDOX, the objection must contain a written statement from RANDOX that the Interested Party is an authorized distributor or reseller of the ELISA Chemiluminescent Biochip Array Analyzer.

This information should be provided no later than Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 5:00 pm local time. Response may be delivered by hand, via regular mail or overnight delivery.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, MSCL determines that the commodity in the proposed sole-source request can be provided by another person or entity, then MSCL will withdraw the sole source request publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the commodity or commodities to an advertised competitive bid process.

If MSCL determines after the review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity or commodities, then MSCL will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. MSCL will have the burden of proving that the commodity or commodities is only provided by one (1) source.