Note: This Sole Source Certification will become a public document, open to public inspection; therefore, you should be certain all material facts are true, relevant and clearly understandable.

SOLE SOURCE CERTIFICATION

Under the requirement of University of Florida Rule No. 6C1-3.020(5)(f)(2), the following is submitted in support of this request for authority to purchase, without bidding, the items available from only one source.

Note: Sole Source means that the item/service is unique and that the vendor is the only one from whom the item/service can be provided. Best Price alone cannot be used for sole source. If the item/service is available from more than one source of supply, best price must be determined through the competitive bid process.

A. Sole Source Vendor Company Name: Tescan USA Inc.
   Contact Person: Joanell Bernhard
   Address: 765 Commonwealth Drive, Suite 101, Warrendale, PA 15086
   Telephone: 724-772-7433 Fax: 724-772-7434 Email: TescanUSAService@tescan-usa.com

B. Describe in lay language, what the item/service is and how it is to be used in your area of research. (cont. P2)

This is an extended warranty (or service contract) for the TESCAN MIRA-3, SN 115-0145, a Scanning Electron Microscope, that uses a focused energetic beam (probe) across a specimen surface, to generate two-dimensional images. This contract includes Preventive Maintenance, calibrations, all spare parts (excluding non TESCAN). It also includes remote technical support, which any third party would have to use through the manufacturer anyway. This is a 4 year contract request.

C. What feature or special condition of this commodity/service is unique and cannot be obtained from any other source? (cont. P2)

This service is supplied by the original instrument manufacturer (OEM) and is carried out by their factory trained and certified field service engineers. The response time for any service request is usually within 24 hours, and because of the nature and support that this instrument gives to our users and research, this is needed. All parts used must be factory replacement. The NRF is a service facility and for this instrument the service response time cannot be delayed by using a 3rd party service management company.

D. Is this product being purchased directly from the manufacturer?  ☑ Yes  ☐ No
   If No, is it available from more than one dealer?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
   If Yes, it is available from more than one dealer, why can this item not be bid? (cont. P2)

E. Prior to submitting this requisition, did you investigate other possible sources?  ☑ Yes  ☐ No
   If Yes: 1) Did you obtain quotes from the other sources?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No If Yes, attach copies.
   2) Is this Vendor's price lower than the other sources?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No If No, justify the additional cost below.

F. Other Sole Source comments or explanations. (cont. P2)

I / We, the undersigned, certify the above to be true and correct to the best of my / our knowledge and belief and the user and / or undersigned does not have a financial interest in the above named vendor.

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL

I hereby certify that Sole Source Certification will meet University standards, and if it is choosen I will stand behind any audit of vendor protest.

Luisa Amelia
Principal Investigator's Signature
Date: 2018.05.25 14:03:01

PURCHASING APPROVAL

This acquisition is approved as a non-competitive purchase.

N. S. Herrera
Purchasing Coordinator Signature
Date: 2018.05.29 09:26:03

Purchasing Authorized Signature
Date: 2018.05.29 09:26:03

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