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: Bruker Daltonics Inc.

Contact Person: Cory Lytle
Address: 40 Manning Rd, Billerica, MA 01821
Telephone: 617-603-4238 Fax: 
Email: cory.lytle@bruker.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 a Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer (FT-ICR MS). This chemical instrument will be used to perform molecular imaging and gas phase chemical reactions.

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

The combination of the dual MALDI/ESI ion source, fast ion optic polarity switching, reaction cell, high mass resolution, and imaging mass spectrometry capabilities of this instrument are not available together on another commercial platform. My research necessitates that these features exist on a single platform.

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)

This instrument is only available from Bruker Daltonics Inc. who is the sole manufacturer and supplier of this instrumentation. Bruker Daltonics Inc. is also the only company qualified to install and service this product.

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.

I investigated other possible sources, but no other instrument manufacturer offered all of the necessary components in one instrument platform.

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

The collaborative agreement between my lab and Bruker will enable advanced technical development on this highly specialized instrument platform.

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 the validity of the information and feel confident the Sole Source Certification will meet University criteria and would withstand any audit or vendor protest.

Principal Investigator’s Signature

Date: 5/24/18

PURCHASING APPROVAL

This acquisition is approved as a non-competitive purchase.

Purchasing Coordinator Signature

Date: 5/29/18

Purchasing Authorized Signature

Date: 5/29/2018

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B. continued

C. continued
Briefly, the MALDI/ESI ion source, fast ion optic polarity switching, and reaction cell will enable gas phase transformations to be performed during the course of imaging mass spectrometry experiments with high mass resolution, which is why these components need to be present on a single platform.

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