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: FEI Company

Contact Person: Gautam Kottapalli

Address: 5350 N.E. Dawson Creek Drive, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124-5793

Telephone: 503-726-7594 Fax: 503-726-2767 Email: Gautam.Kottapalli@fei.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 a scanning electron microscope. This contract covers all the hardware, calibrations, software, and one electron emitter replacement for 48 months. This scanning electron microscope is used to inspect wafers and samples processed in the Nanoscale Research Facility (NRF). It has the ability to image at 1 nanometer resolution. It is also a characterization tool used to measure material properties at the nanometer scale.

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 engineer who services our instrument is located in Ocala Florida. All parts used must be factory replacement. His response is typically within 24 hours which allows for high instrument up time. 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? [X] Yes [ ] No

If No, is it available from more than one dealer? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If Yes, is it 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 [X] 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)

Third party service contracts cover labor, but not hardware and software updates. It is recommended that this tool be maintained by qualified factory personnel under an OEM contract to maintain this 1 nanometer resolution. Without an OEM contract, the service response can lag as much as 6 weeks based upon FEI field service engineer availability.

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: 05/15/18

**PURCHASING APPROVAL**

This acquisition is approved as a non-competitive purchase.

Purchasing Coordinator Signature: ___________________________ Date: 05/15/18

Purchasing Authorized Signature: ___________________________ Date: 05/15/18

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