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: Crown Nursery, LLC

Contact Person: Doug Thomas
Address: PO Box 340, Red Bluff, CA 96080
Telephone: 530.529.6485 Fax: 530.529.6488 Email: dthomas@crownnurseryllc.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)

Contract growing of UF strawberry breeding germplasm and certified stock of new UF strawberry varieties, including trimming, cooling, storing and shipping.

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

We require the following combination of special conditions: 1) methyl bromide fumigation - provides maximum sanitation of soil pathogens and is only available under critical use exemption; 2) 100% drip irrigation - reduces leaf wetness in high desert regions such as northern CA to almost zero, reducing the incidence and severity of multiple problematic strawberry diseases that can devastate nursery/breeding stock (cont.)

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, 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? X Yes □ No

If Yes: 1) Did you obtain quotes from the other sources? □ Yes X 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.

Currently, no other strawberry nursery offers the combination of conditions we require.

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

Vance Whitaker 8/2/2019 | 12:34 PM
Principal Investigator's Signature Date

PURCHASING APPROVAL

This acquisition is approved as a non-competitive purchase.

Michael Loper 8/5/19
Purchasing Coordinator's Signature Date

N. J. Heredia 8/5/19
Purchasing Authorized Signature Date

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Please use the following sections to continue documentation if needed.

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3) propagation and overwintering of seedlings and selections - the UF breeding program propagates both seedlings and selections and uses overwintered stock for subsequent season's propagation which requires extra management effort; 4) inspection for European Union export - required by law for shipping of nursery stock for yearly trials in southern Spain and other countries; 5) meristem tissue culture services - the first stage of propagation for certified stock of new strawberry varieties released by the UF program; 6) geographic isolation of breeding germplasm from commercial nursery acreage - a management practice for reducing outbreaks of common strawberry diseases including vectoring of viruses; and 7) customized crop protection plans - reduced use of single-site fungicides and increased use of multi-site is a critical best management practice for breeding stock and differs from current commercial nursery practices.

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