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)(e)(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: Aramark Global Supply Chain Procurement

   Contact Person: Emily Chrupcala

   Address: 1101 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3323

   Telephone: 215-238-3819    Fax: 215-413-8822    Email: Chrupcala-Emily@aramark.com

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

   The items being purchased are the furniture, fixtures and equipment (FFE) for the new POD Convenience Store to be located in Norman Hall. Aramark was selected as the University's food service provider by public solicitation, and has been the sole provider for food service to UF since 2000. The POD convenience will be the 5th location at UF (HUB, Beatty, Little and Pugh Halls). This FFE package will be consistent with the other locations. The consistency is important as it brings a specific feel and comfort to all shoppers.

C. What feature or special condition of this commodity/service is unique and cannot be obtained from any other source? Why are these features or special conditions important to the research?

   The POD FFE package for Normal Hall is unique to Aramark. Consistency across campus means that locations are easily recognized, helps to build brand awareness and create trust. Customers prefer a dependable brand. As Aramark is the sole food service partner to UF all locations across UF are provided/managed by Aramark.

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?

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. What efforts have been made to obtain the best price possible? Why do you feel this price is fair and reasonable?

   Food service equipment has been purchased directly from the manufacturer. Aramark was chosen in 2009 by public solicitation.

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: 9/9/19

**PURCHASING APPROVAL**

This acquisition is approved as a non-competitive purchase.

Purchasing Coordinator Signature:  

Date: 9/9/19

Purchasing Authorized Signature:  

Date: 9/9/2019

**FAILURE TO FILE A PROTEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG) REGULATION 18.002 OR FAILURE TO POST THE BOND OR OTHER SECURITY AS REQUIRED IN THE BOG REGULATION 18.002 AND 18.003(3) SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF PROTEST PROCEEDING.**

Cert. Posted: Jeffrey Hendel

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