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# 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: Thermo Electron North America LLC  
 Contact Person: MIKE THOMAS  
 Address: 1400 Northpoint Pkwy Ste 50 West Palm Beach, FL 33407-1976  
 Telephone: 608-819-5735 Fax: 877-867-8945 Email: michael.l.thomas@thermofisher.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)

The Q Exactive Plus Mass Spectrometer is an instrument for performing molecular analysis and is a key component of the ICBR Proteomics Core. This instrument serves a wide array for UF researchers in the Life Sciences including investigators in IFAS and COM. The instrument is complex and requires regularly scheduled calibration and maintenance that can only be performed by qualified technicians. Instrument downtime results in delays for UF investigators to complete sample analysis. To ensure optimal performance, the instrument will be placed under a two-year service contract with Thermo Electron North America LLC.

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? (cont. P2)

The Q Exactive Plus Mass Spec is a complex instrument and in order for ICBR to meet the established high data quality standards this unit requires calibration and preventive maintenance by qualified technicians. ICBR staff lack the knowledge, experience, and access to replacement parts to adequately perform needed repairs and annual instrument preventative maintenance. Thermo Electron is the only source for parts and components for instrument repairs, calibration and preventative maintenance on this instrument. Their trained field service technicians and engineers are familiar with the proprietary operational and analytical software required for instrument service, maintenance and repair. Given the fact that the ICBR has a long standing professional relationship with this provider the service contract offered is for 2 years at 15% discount.

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)

As a manufacturer of this instrument FEI possesses the highest level of expertise in performing both preventative maintenance and repair. A third party vendor would require extensive knowledge of the highly complex electronics present in the microscope and need to purchase parts from FEI that would delay repair. The F20 is th only microscope on campus capable of performing analysis of biospecimens at very low temperatures and is used by a wide range of grant-funded investigators across the UF campus.

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.

There are no other qualified vendors that have the proven track record with ICBR of quick response time needed to ensure optimal performance of the Q Exactive Plus Mass Spec instrument.

F. What efforts have been made to obtain the best price possible? Why do you feel this price is fair and reasonable? (cont. P2)

The ICBR has a longstanding relationship with this vendor and we feel the price for this service contract is fair and reasonable. The ICBR Proteomics Scientific Director has negotiated a 2 year contract at a 15% annual discount.

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	PURCHASING 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.  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Steven J. Madore <small>Digitally signed by Steven J. Madore Date: 2022.06.23 10:15:19 -04'00'</small></span> <span><u>6/23/2022</u></span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>Principal Investigator's Signature</span> <span>Date</span> </div>	This acquisition is approved as a non-competitive purchase.  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">                           _____                          Purchasing Coordinator Signature                     </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>6/27/22</u>                          Date                     </div> </div>
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