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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: Pairwise Plants Services

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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 IFAS wide license of a a set of tools for gene editing. Researchers working in IFAS will be able to use this technology to develop gene edited products that will benefit FL stakeholders.

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 Fulcrum platform we are licensing is built on Pairwise's proprietary CRISPR technology and enables UF/IFAS researchers to utilize the system for research and the development of commercial products—providing access to a differentiated and defensible intellectual property package compared to standard, commodity CRISPR workflows. Continue in next page.

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)

There are no other companies globally offering a CRISPR platform like this one. They license it directly.

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.

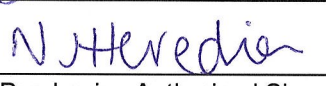
2) Is this Vendor's price lower than the other sources? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, justify the additional cost below.

The in-licensed technologies are all proprietary/patented. This product is not available from any other vendors.

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

This is a university-wide license led and negotiated by UF/IFAS leadership (IFAS Dean, Vice President, support from the FFSP Director) and Pairwise. The agreement was negotiated over the course of a year to ensure it is fair, reasonable, and structured to benefit all IFAS researchers while keeping costs as low as possible. This license will be available to all IFAS faculty.

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.  Principal Investigator's Signature _____ Date <u>Jan 29, 2026</u>	This acquisition is approved as a non-competitive purchase.  Purchasing Coordinator Signature _____ Date <u>2/12/26</u>
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.	 Purchasing Authorized Signature _____ Date <u>2-16-2026</u>

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Please use the following sections to continue documentation if needed.

B. continued

C. continued

Pairwise positions Fulcrum as a comprehensive gene-editing toolkit that supports nuclease-based cutting edits, base editing, and templated editing capabilities. This integrated suite of technologies goes beyond platforms that support only a single editing modality.

Fulcrum combines Pairwise-developed editing tools plus AI and a built trait/know-how library so partners can go from target → edit design → trait development faster than “tool-only” platforms

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