Business Unit & Req. # 1104 / 223043958 ECCN: _____ Total Amount: $289,409.01

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: Sartorius Corporation

Contact Person: Suleman Gwaduri [suleman.gwaduri@sartorius.com]

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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)

The requested item is the Sartorius Octet® R8e BLI Analysis System. This instrument will support UF researchers across a wide range of applications, including vaccine and drug development.

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 Octet® R8e System is a comprehensive tool for screening and characterizing molecular interactions, including protein-protein and protein-drug interactions. An early version of the Octet BLI instrument has been in operation in the ICBR for 13 plus years and has proven to be reliable and consistent in generating high-quality data for UF investigators.

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)

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? (cont. P2)

The vendor is offering a 22% discount on the list price of the instrument.

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.	This acquisition is approved as a non-competitive purchase.
Steven J Madore, PhD Digitally signed by Steven J Madore, PhD Date: 2026.11.03 14:16:32 -05'00'	Purchasing Coordinator Signature: [signature] Date: 11-03-2026
Principal Investigator's Signature Date	
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.	N.J Heredia Purchasing Authorized Signature: [signature] Date: 11-3-2026

Sole Source Certification (Continued)

Please use the following sections to continue documentation if needed.

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Biolayer interferometry or BLI is an optical analytical technique used to measure the interactions of molecules in real time. For example, BLI can be used to measure how tightly a therapeutic antibody binds to its target antigen. This is an important metric that can be used to engineer the antibody to improve binding and optimize therapeutic efficacy. BLI can also be used to determine the concentration of proteins, antibodies, or viruses, and how new drug compounds interact with the cell proteins.

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The new Octet® R8e System can measure the binding characteristics of two proteins at concentrations significantly lower than other BLI systems across thereby allowing UF researchers to use less samples for analysis. The instrument can rapidly and accurately measure protein concentration in crude samples such as cell lysates, culture media, and serum. Samples are not destroyed during analysis and are easily recovered. The Octet® R8e System can accommodate samples in both 96- and 384-well microplate formats. The Octet® R8e System eliminates internal microfluidic channels, pumps, and valves, which eliminates clogging and reduces maintenance/cleaning between runs thereby reducing staff time required for troubleshooting the instrument.

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