

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

CONTRACTING ACTIVITY: USDA, ARS, NORTH ATLANTIC AREA
(ADDRESS)

- * **POINT OF CONTACT:**
- * **PHONE NUMBER:**
- FAX NUMBER**
- EMAIL:**

2. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

Issue a PCMS credit card purchase to GE Healthcare/ Amersham Biosciences Corp. in the amount of \$2784.60. The purchase order includes the purchase of a new Ettan IPGphor II IEF Electrophoresis Unit and accessories (Catalog # 80649838).

* **3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES:**

The Management of Abiotic Stress in Fruit Crops CRIS (Project Number 1931-21220-014-00D) has made a commitment towards analyzing changes in fruit trees, at the proteomic level, as a result of abiotic stresses such as low temperature. This accessory is a component of existing equipment (IPGphor Electrophoresis Unit). The accessory extends the capability of the IPGphor unit, allowing larger quantities of protein samples to be loaded and makes loading of the samples easier and more efficient. The accessory is specifically designed by the manufacturer for the IPGphor unit, also made by the manufacturer. No other manufacturer produces a similar accessory that is compatible with the IPGphor unit.

4. STATUTORY AUTHORITY: FAR 6.230-1, Only one responsible source and not other supplies or service will satisfy agency requirements. 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1).

5. SECTION 508 ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE:

All Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) procured through this Contract must meet the applicable accessibility standards at 36 CFR 1194, unless an agency exception to this requirement exists. (36 CFR 1194 implements Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is viewable at <http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/508standards.htm#PART1194>).

The following standards have been determined to be applicable to this contract:

- 1194.21 Software applications and operating systems.
- 1194.22 Web-based Intranet and Internet information and applications.
- 1194.23 Telecommunications products.
- 1194.24 Video and multimedia products.
- 1194.25 Self contained, closed products.
- 1194.26 Desktop and portable computers.

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This standard does not require the installation of specific accessibility-related software or the attachment of an assistive technology device, but merely requires that the EIT be compatible with such software and devices so that it can be made accessible if so required by the agency in the future.

Compliance Details Clause

The Contractor must note in the schedule whether each product or service is compliant or noncompliant with the accessibility standards at 36 CFR 1194. For each item that is identified as compliant the Contractor shall provide evidence or verification of compliance. The proposal must indicate where full details of compliance can be found (e.g schedule attachment, vendor's website or other readily available location (specify).

___ This clause does not apply to the requirement.

- *6. **DEMONSTRATION OF CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS:** Amersham Biosciences is the proprietary source for accessories to the ETTAN IPGHOR II IEF Unit already purchased . Only the manufacturer can provide accessories to meet the compatibility issue and compatibility issue for the reagents used with this equipment..
- *7. **FEDERAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES (FEDBIZOPS) ANNOUNCEMENT/
POTENTIAL SOURCES:**

Not required for this procurement value. GSA Item.
- 8. **DETERMINATION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE COST:** Cost is determined to be fair and reasonable due to the fact that prices were obtained from the Company's catalog and includes the GSA Discount and the price of commercial items sold in quantities to the public.
- *9. **MARKET SURVEY:** Not required due the compatibility issues with the existing equipment.
- 10. **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT:** N/A
- *11. **OTHER INTERESTED SOURCES:** N/A
- 12. **ACTIONS TAKEN TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO COMPETITION:** Future competition is not planned because this JOFOC covers all known requirements and there is no indication that this system will be purchased in the near future. However, should an additional system be required, we will solicit the market place to determine if the sole source is still applicable prior to purchasing a new item.

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***CERTIFICATIONS:**

***REQUIREMENTS/PROGRAM OFFICE:**

I certify the facts and representations under my cognizance included in this justification form are complete and accurate basis for the justification.

SIGNATURE DATE PHONE

CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE PHONE DATE

NAME (PRINT)

REVIEW/APPROVALS:

If approval is required at a higher level than that of the REE Competition Advocate, the Competition Advocate must still review the document, and a signature block should be included to indicate this.

* To be completed by the Program Office/Requisitioner

ISSUE DATE: 10/18/01