

## JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE OR PROPRIETARY PURCHASE

Requisition/Order No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Sole Source/Proprietary Product or  
Service: \_\_\_Mice\_\_\_\_\_

Vendor name, address and telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Charles River

Sole source and proprietary purchases are allowed by the Louisiana Procurement Code (La. R.S. 39:1551 et.seq.) when certain conditions exist.

This form may be used to justify sole source or proprietary purchases for unique products, services or conditions or you may write a letter that addresses each point. This will become a part of the permanent record for this purchase.

A **sole source** justification represents a request from the end user to waive the bid process in accordance with La. R.S.39: 1597 and L.A.C. 34:I. 901-907.

**For the purpose of this form, the particular item or service is available from only one supplier (usually the manufacturer) and is unique in that no other will be suitable or acceptable to meet the need.**

A **proprietary** specification justification represents a request from the end user to limit the specification to describe a product proprietary to one supplier in accordance with La. R.S. 39:1655 and meets the definition and use described in L.A.C. 34:I. 309.

**A proprietary purchase is similar to a sole source when no other is suitable or acceptable to meet the need, but there is more than one potential bidder because the manufacturer has chosen to sell his product through multiple distributors. A proprietary purchase is considered competitive and the solicitation shall include language indicating the purchase has been approved as proprietary and not invite bids for equal products.**

1. Explain specification requirements and how or why ONLY the designated product/service meets the need. Cite the qualities/features that make this product or service unique in meeting the need.

**I have been using this genetic strain of mice in my experiment for 2 years. Changing vendors could introduce variability into my experiment which could contaminate the results and jeopardize the validity of the research. For continuity of ongoing research, I must continue purchasing from Charles River.**

2. Specifically name, by manufacturer and model or service provider, other products or services investigated (if fewer than two, explain).

**No others are acceptable for this experiment (see above).**

3. State specifically why and how other products investigated are deficient in meeting the need.

**Any change in supply could introduce unacceptable variation into the experiment and contaminate the results.**

4. **Sole Source** - Obtain signed letterhead quotation and declaration of sole source from corporate marketing (not sales representative) stating product or service is not sold through distributors, attach a notarized or published price list or retail price verification for the item(s), and submit all documents to purchasing for approval

**Proprietary** – Submit this justification form to your purchasing office for approval