

**Idaho State**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**PURCHASING SERVICES**

**Request for Sole Source**

(Purchasing Request Estimate is \$10,000.00 or Greater)

To: Idaho State University – Director of Purchasing – Lisa Leyshon

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Sole Source Request for the purchase of: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_

Requisition Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Estimate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach quote also)

**Sole source purchases** are defined as clearly and legitimately limited to a single supplier. Sole source purchases are only allowed when based upon strong technological grounds such as operational compatibility with existing equipment and related parts, or upon a clearly unique and cost effective feature requirements. The use of sole source purchases shall be limited to only those specific instances that are completely justified to satisfy compatibility, technical performance needs, or other unique circumstances.

**Statement of Need**

My department’s recommendation for sole source is based upon an objective review of the product/service required and appears to be in the best interest of the University. I know of no conflict of interest on my part or personal involvement in any way with this request. No gratuities, favors or compromising actions have taken place. Neither has my personal familiarity with particular brands, types of equipment, materials, or firms been a deciding influence on my request to sole source this purchase when there are other known suppliers that exist.

**Requester Affirmation**

I am aware ISU Purchasing Policy requires procurements exceeding \$10,000.00 to be competitively bid when necessary. The following statements are complete and accurate, based on my professional judgment and investigations. I also certify that no personal advantage will accrue to me or any member of my immediate family as a result of this procurement.

Requester Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Requester Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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ISU Purchasing Department Buyer:      Approved            Rejected        
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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ISU Director of Purchasing:      Approved            Rejected        
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Leyshon      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Term: \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_



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5. What necessary features does this vendor provide which are not available from other vendors? Please be specific.

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6. What steps were taken to verify that these features are not available elsewhere?

\_\_\_\_\_ Other brands/manufacturers were examined (please list phone numbers and names, and explain why there were not suitable). You may use an attachment if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other vendors that were contacted. Please list names and phone numbers and explain why these were not suitable. You may use an attachment if necessary.

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*\*Sole Source: only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available capability to meet the requirement of the solicitation.*

*\*\*Procurements of items/services for which your department has established a standard by designating a brand or manufacturer or by pre-approving via a testing shall be competitively bid if there is more than one vendor that can provide the commodity/service.*

**Please answer each of the following in detail. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary, referencing each question by number:**

7. What makes this commodity/service unique? (Patents/copyrights, need compatibility with existing equipment – why? Space constraints, must match equipment with another agency or department, consequences if this were put out for bid, etc.)

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8. What steps have you taken to determine that this is the only product or service that will meet your particular needs? (Professional opinions/correspondence, trade publications, trade shows, visits to, or correspondence with, other institutions that have installed the same product, site visitations, etc.)

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9. Will this purchase tie us to a particular vendor for future purchases? (Either in terms of maintenance that only this vendor will be able to perform and/or if we purchase this item, will we then need more "like" items in the future to match this one?)

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10. Will this vendor tie us to a particular vendor for software and/or software maintenance? (Do you need it to be renewable and for how long?)

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11. Please affirmatively state, "No other vendor can provide the same or a similar product/service," and enclose any other information which will help make the determination that this is a sole/single source procurement.

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