

Mississippi Forensic Laboratory  
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase  
Sole source # 3150002530

The Mississippi Forensic Laboratory (MSFL) is seeking to purchase Biotage SPE-Dry Dual Sample Concentrator System.

**1. Description of the commodity or commodities the MSFL is seeking to procure:**

**Make and Model:** BIOTAGE SPE-Dry Dual Sample Concentrator System.

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<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
SD-9600-DHS-NA	Biotage SPE Dry 96 Sample Concentrator System 110V

**2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that can meet the needs of the Agency:**

SPE Dry Dual sample concentrator system will be used to perform extractions on biological specimens for drug analysis testing. Using micro well plates allows for a large volume of case samples to be processed simultaneously along with required quality control material, thus decreasing sample processing time and decreasing costs for individual extraction tubes. The solvent evaporation is a required step in the extraction process, and evaporation of the entire plate requires a system capable of introducing gas directly into the individual collection plate wells. Otherwise, each sample would have to be removed manually from the well and transferred to a collection tube. This will be adding to the processing time and adding risk of human error. Also samples will be mixed-up which would then lead to reprocessing and loss of sample. The system provides gas flow from both above and below the collection plate to offer the most efficient solvent evaporation which increases the speed of sample fry down. This reduces sample processing time and increases efficiency and sample throughput.

**3. Explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:**

The SPE Dry System utilizes heated nitrogen to quickly evaporate lab solvents from micro well plates. It is compatible with varying sizes of plates including 24, 96 and 384-well collection plates and adjustable to accommodate plates with either deep or shallow plate depths. The adjustable needle assembly also adapts to varying sample volumes making it versatile and accommodating to different method procedures. The SPE Dry is a trademark of Biotage and is sold exclusively by Biotage. It is only sold exclusively by Biotage.

**4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:**

**Estimated Cost:** \$8,453.81.

This cost is within the expected price range of this items being requested.

The products are sold direct, and are available exclusively from Biotage. Biotage is exclusive distributor of all related consumables used in conjunction with this instrument models.

**5. Efforts the Agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:**

MSFL has negotiated with Biotage who gives us a discount. The price has been established by the discount provided by the company. MSFL is not paying the list price for the commodities.

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the commodity listed is not sole source and can be provided by another person or entity should submit a written notice to:

Betsy Toles or Sonya Toaster  
Procurement Department  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 402  
1900 East Woodrow Wilson Avenue  
Jackson, MS 39216

The notice should contain a detailed explanation of why the commodity is not a sole source procurement, as well as, but not limited to the following information:

**Interested Party Information**

- Contact Name, Phone Number, and email address
- Company Website URL, if applicable

**Objection to Sole Source Justification**

- Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification, including, but not limited to the following:
  - a) A description of the commodity or commodities that Interested Party believes is comparable to the Biotage and related consumables;
  - b) An explanation of why Interested Party's commodity or commodities can also meet the needs of the agency; and
  - c) A list of sources from which Interested Party's commodity may be procured.

- If Interested Party claims that the Biotage and related consumables are available from a source other than Biotage, the objection must contain a written statement from Biotage that the Interested Party is an authorized distributor or reseller of the Biotage and related consumables.

This information should be provided no later than Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm local time. Response may be delivered by hand, via regular mail or overnight delivery.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, MSFL determines that the commodity in the proposed sole-source request can be provided by another person or entity, then MSFL will withdraw the sole source request publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the commodity or commodities to an advertised competitive bid process.

If MSFL determines after the review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity or commodities, then MSFL will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB). MSFL will have the burden of proving that the commodity or commodities is only provided by one (1) source.