Justification for Brand Name or Sole Source Purchase

Purchase Requisition No. _____________ Requesting Individual _______________________

Designated Product __________________________________________________________________

Designated Vendor __________________________________________________________________

This form will become a part of the permanent record for this purchase. You may use this form or write a letter that addresses each point.

A sole source justification represents a request from the end user for the Department of Purchasing to waive the bid process due to the fact that a particular item or service is available from only one supplier and possesses features that: 1) are critical to the research/teaching/other application; 2) are required by the experimental design, teaching curriculum, or other application or the proposed project cannot proceed as planned; and 3) no other item possesses these features.

1. Explain the need (why this product/service is necessary) and what specifications are required to meet the need.

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

3. Specifically name by manufacture and model/services investigated (if fewer than two, explain).

4. State specifically why and how they are deficient in meeting the need.

5. Do you have an actual or potential conflict of interest in this purchase request?
   (____) Yes  (____) No   If yes, please explain on an attached sheet.

Signature ____________________________________________________________________ Date __________

FOR PURCHASING AGENT’S USE

( ) Purchase as Requested  ( ) Prepare invitation for Bid  ( ) Covered by contract or price agreement
( ) Obtain quotations   ( ) Inadequate justification, return to originator for more information.

Signature ____________________________________________________________________ Date __________