



THE UNIVERSITY *of*
NEW ORLEANS

INVITATION FOR BID

**BID NAME AND NUMBER:
BTB2810 MICROWAVE DIGESTION SYSTEM**

**BID OPENING TIME AND DATE:
MARCH 29, 2024@2PM**

**BUYER:
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RETURN ALL BIDS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**Purchasing Office
Administration Annex 1004G
University of New Orleans
2000 Lakeshore Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70148
Phone: (504) 280-6214
Fax: (504) 280-6297**

General Instructions to Bidders

1 Invitation to Bid

Bids for the following items and/or services specified are hereby solicited, and will be received by the Purchasing Office until the stated bid opening time and date and then publicly opened.

2 Authority to Sign

Bids must be signed by a person authorized to bind the vendor. In accordance with R. S. 39:1594(C)(4), the person signing the bid must be: 1) A current corporate officer, partnership member or other individual specifically authorized to submit bids as evidenced in appropriate records on file with the secretary of State; or 2) An individual authorized to bind the vendor, as evidenced by a corporate resolution, certificate, or affidavit; or 3) other documents indicating authority which are acceptable to the University.

3 Read Solicitation

Read the entire solicitation, including all terms, conditions, and specifications.

4 Corrections

All bids should be returned on the forms furnished and must be typed or written in ink. Any corrections or erasures must be initialed by the bidder.

5 Delivery of Bids

Bids may be submitted in person or by mail. The mailing address is listed on the cover sheet.

Bids delivered in person or by mail should be placed in a sealed envelope and marked with the bid name and number, the bid opening time and date, and the name and address of the bidder. The same information should be affixed to any additional materials sent as a part of the bid submission.

6 Bid Alterations

Alterations to bids will be accepted provided both the bid and alterations have been received in the Purchasing Office prior to bid opening time and date.

7 Late Bids

Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Each bidder is solely responsible for the timely delivery of its bid. The University will not be responsible for any delay in the delivery of bids.

8 Delivery/Freight Charges

Bid prices will include all delivery/freight charges paid by the vendor, F.O.B., UNO, inside delivery, New Orleans, La, unless otherwise stated in the specifications. Any invoiced delivery charges not quoted and itemized on the UNO purchase order are subject to rejection and non-payment.

9 Taxes

Vendor is responsible for including all applicable taxes in the bid price. The University

of New Orleans is exempt from all Louisiana state and local sales and use taxes. By accepting an award, all firms acknowledge their responsibility for the payment of all taxes duly assessed by the State of Louisiana and its political subdivisions for which they are liable.

10 Payment

Assuming there is no prompt payment discount provision, payment will be made within thirty (30) days from receipt of products in satisfactory condition, or within thirty (30) days from date of invoice, whichever is later. Delinquent payment penalties are governed by L.R.S. 39:1695. Vendor penalties to the contrary shall be null and void, shall have no legal force, and shall not be recognized by the University in any dispute. Payment terms: 25% at time of order, 25% at time of shipment and 50% after final installation. Tax exempt certificate issued with purchase order.

11 Acceptance

Only the issue of a purchase order or a signed acceptance of a proposal constitutes acceptance on the part of the University.

Bid Signature

By signing this bid, the bidder certifies compliance with all general instructions to bidders, terms, conditions, and specifications, and further certifies that this bid is made without collusion or fraud.

_____ Bidder (Company Name)	_____ Mailing Address
_____ Authorized Signature	_____ City, State, Zip Code
_____ Printed Name	_____ Phone Number
_____ Title	_____ Fax Number
_____ E-Mail Address	_____ Federal Tax ID #

Standard Terms and Conditions

These standard terms and conditions apply to all UNO solicitations, unless otherwise specifically amended and provided for in the special terms and conditions, specifications, or other solicitation documents. In the event of a conflict between the General Instructions to Bidders or Standard Terms & Conditions and the Special Terms & Conditions, the Special Terms & Conditions shall govern.

Auditors

Bidders agrees that the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana and/or the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration auditors and/or the University's auditors will have the option of auditing all accounts of the Bidder which relate to this purchase.

Award

Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. The University reserves the right to award the items, separately, grouped, or on an all-or-none basis, and to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities including technicalities in specifications that would preclude competition.

All solicitation specifications, terms, and conditions will be made part of any subsequent award as if fully reproduced and included therein, unless specifically amended in the formal contract.

Bidder Inquiries

If a bidder is in doubt as to the meaning of any part of a solicitation, bidder may submit a written request for interpretation to the Buyer of Record. Requests must be received in the Purchasing Office no later than MARCH 18, 2024. Any interpretation of the documents will be made by Addendum only, issued by the Purchasing Office, and a copy of such Addendum will be sent to all known bidders. The University will not be responsible for any other explanation of the documents.

Contrary Terms and Conditions

Submittal of any terms and conditions contrary to those contained within this solicitation may cause your bid to be rejected. By signing this bid, vendor agrees that any terms and conditions which may be included in their bid are nullified.

Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance

By submitting and signing this bid, vendor agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI and VII of the Civil rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Executive Order 11246, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Act of 1975; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Vendor agrees not to

discriminate, and to render services without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, handicap, disability, or other non-merit factor. Failure to comply shall be grounds for termination of any contract entered into as a result of this solicitation.

Equivalency

Any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, or catalog numbers used in the specifications are for the purpose of describing and establishing general quality levels. Such references are not intended to be restrictive. Bids will be considered for any brand that meets or exceeds the quality of the specifications listed for any item. Bidder must state the brand/model he or she is bidding on each item. Bids not specifying brand and model number will be considered as offering the exact product specified in the solicitation.

It will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to prove equivalency. Bidder will submit with the bid all illustrations, descriptive literature, and specifications necessary to determine equivalency. Failure to do so may eliminate the bid from consideration. The decision of the University as to equivalency will be final.

Governing Law

This purchase shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Louisiana Preference

A preference will be given to materials, supplies, and provision produced, manufactured, assembled, grown, or harvested in Louisiana, quality being equal to articles offered by competitors outside of the state. However, it will be the bidder's sole responsibility to indicate on his bid response which items were (or would be) produced, manufactured, assembled, grown, or harvested in Louisiana. Bidder must be able to provide satisfactory evidence to support preference claim if requested by the University. The enclosed Louisiana Preferences **must** be returned as a part of this bid.

Legislators Prohibited

According to LAS-R.S. 42:113(D)) the University is prohibited from entering into any contract or subcontract with a legislator or person who has been certified by the Secretary of State as elected to the Legislature or spouse of a legislator, or any corporation, partnership, or other legal entity in which the Legislator or his/her spouse owns an interest, except publicly traded corporations. Each bidder **must** return the enclosed Disclosure Form as a part of his bid.

New Products

All products are to be new, current model, and of best quality as measured by accepted standards of the trade. No remanufactured, demonstrator, used, or irregular products will be considered for purchase unless otherwise specified.

Warranty

The manufacturer's standard published warranty and provision will apply, unless more stringent warranties are otherwise required by UNO and specified in the solicitation. In such cases, the bidder and/or manufacturer will honor the specified warranty requirements, and bid prices will include any premium costs of such coverage.

DISCLOSURE FORM

EACH BIDDER IS TO DISCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY ANSWERING YES OR NO TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Is the bidder a legislator or person who has been certified by the Secretary of State as elected to the Legislature? _____
2. Is the bidder a spouse of a legislator? _____
3. If the bidder is a corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, does a legislator or his spouse own any interest in that corporation, partnership or other legal entity? _____
4. If the bidder is a corporation, is it a publicly traded corporation? _____

LOUISIANA PREFERENCES

FAILURE TO SPECIFY BELOW INFORMATION **WILL** CAUSE ELIMINATION FROM PREFERENCE.

Preferences shall not apply to service contracts.

In accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1595, a preference of 10% may be allowed for products produced, manufactured, grown or assembled in Louisiana of equal quality.

Do you claim this preference? YES _____ NO _____

Specify Item Numbers:

Specify location within Louisiana where this product is produced, manufactured, grown or assembled:

Do you have a Louisiana Business workforce? YES _____ NO _____

If so do you certify that at least fifty percent (50%) of your Louisiana business workforce is comprised of Louisiana residents?

YES _____ NO _____

Special Terms and Conditions

1. All items delivered shall be subject to inspection as to grade and/or quality. If any item is inspected and fails to meet the specifications, the delivery already made will be held for the Vendor's disposition or returned to the Vendor via Freight Collect. If the Vendor fails to make satisfactory replacement within a reasonable time as determined by the University, the University reserves the right to cancel the item and to purchase it elsewhere.
2. If bidding other than the specified brand/model, a sample must be submitted with the bid.
3. If the Vendor fails to make delivery within a satisfactory time as determined by the University, the University reserves the right to cancel the item and to purchase it elsewhere or the next lowest bidder.
4. Discounts for less than 1% and for less than thirty (30) days will not be considered in making awards.
5. Site Visit: In order to ascertain the true scope of the services requested, all bidders are urged and expected to inspect the site where services will be performed. Arrangements to do so may be made by contacting the buyer. Failure to inspect the site will **not** constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.
6. NOTE: If, upon visiting site, Vendor finds conditions that disagree with the physical layout as described in this bid, or other features of the specifications that appear to be in error, vendor shall notify the buyer immediately.
7. It shall be specifically agreed and understood that the Bidders may attend the Bid opening. They shall, whenever any award is considered, furnish specific samples for examination upon request by the University. It shall also be specifically agreed and understood that the decision of the University shall be final.
8. The University reserves the right to cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days written notice for failure of the Vendor to deliver on time, for delivery of unsatisfactory merchandise, or for any unsatisfactory performance by the Vendor as determined by the University.

9. This agreement may be terminated by either party with ___30_____ days advance notice in writing.
10. Successful bidder will furnish written factory instructions for the operation and maintenance of the equipment purchased.
11. Successful bidder will be responsible for the unloading and placing of equipment and/or supplies in the location designated by the University.
12. Delivery Schedule: All Bidders are put on notice that the items listed on this proposal are to be delivered after the date of completion of the facilities, unless a prior date is so specified in the bid. Delivery requirements shown on this bid are necessarily approximate due to the uncertainty of the firm completion date of construction of the facilities. After issuance of the purchase order, the University will endeavor to ascertain a firm delivery date in each instance so as to avoid creating a hardship of the Vendor. In any event, no deliveries will be made without prior approval of the University.
13. In case of default by the Vendor, the University reserves the right to purchase any or all items in default elsewhere or the next lowest bidder.
14. The successful bidder will be required to assume responsibility for all services and/or products offered in his/her bid whether or not he/she produces them. Further, the University of New Orleans will consider the selected bidder to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the contract. The successful bidder must be an authorized dealer to sell, repair and maintain the equipment.
15. List of distributors: The Vendor signing the bid shall be designated as the Prime Vendor on any contract/agreement resulting from this bid. If additional Vendors are authorized to receive orders for items covered under this proposal, the Vendor must submit, with bid, a list of those additional authorized distributors.
16. All items bid must comply with the Louisiana Pesticide Law.
17. Vendors are advised that all hazardous products must be accompanied by a "Hazardous Materials Data Sheet". This sheet must also include suggested antidotes for ingestion and other contact.
18. Successful Vendor shall inspect jobsite and make his/her own measurements prior to installation.

19. Items furnished shall be delivered to the University, uncrated, set in place, installed (if requested), and all debris removed by the Vendor.
20. Scope of Work: work shall include all labor, materials, and services required to produce a completed repair/installation which is acceptable to the University.
21. Final Clean-Up: Before this project is acceptable and complete, Vendor shall clean up and remove from the premises all debris resulting from his work, and shall see to it that all the ___items___ furnished is/are left in good order, clean, and properly installed.
22. Award to be made on an all-or-none basis.
23. All equipment must be new and delivered F.O.B. University of New Orleans, inside delivery.
24. All hardware and software must be new and delivered, F.O.B. University of New Orleans, inside delivery.
25. This is not a proprietary specification. Other manufacturer and model will be considered.
26. Fiscal Funding: The continuation of any agreement entered into as a result of this bid past the current fiscal year is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the contract by the legislature. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the contract, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the appropriations act to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated. Budget for the Microwave Digestion System \$80,000.00.
27. Piggyback: Other Louisiana Governmental Agencies may purchase at the same terms and conditions if agreed upon by awarded bidder.
28. FEDERAL CLAUSES.
IF APPLICABLE ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREES TO ADHERE TO THE MANDATE DICTATED BY THE COPELAND "ANTI-

KICKBACK" ACT WHICH PROVIDES THAT EACH CONTRACTOR OR SUBGRANTEE SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM INDUCING, BY ANY MEANS, ANY PERSON EMPLOYED IN THE COMPLETION OF WORK, TO GIVE UP ANY PART OF THE COMPENSATION TO WHICH HE IS OTHERWISE ENTITLED.

CLEAN AIR ACT

THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREES TO ADHERE TO THE PROVISIONS WHICH REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS, ORDERS OR REQUIREMENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 306 OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT WHICH PROHIBITS THE USE UNDER NON-EXEMPT FEDERAL CONTRACTS, GRANTS OR LOANS OF FACILITIES INCLUDED ON THE EPA LIST OF VIOLATING FACILITIES.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY RECOGNIZES THE MANDATORY STANDARDS AND POLICIES RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN ISSUED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT (P.L. 94-163).

CLEAN WATER ACT

THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREES TO ADHERE TO THE PROVISIONS WHICH REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS, ORDERS OR REQUIREMENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 508 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT WHICH PROHIBITS THE USE UNDER NON-EXEMPT FEDERAL CONTRACTS, GRANTS OR LOANS OF FACILITIES INCLUDED ON THE EPA LIST OF VIOLATING FACILITIES.

ANTI-LOBBYING AND DEBARMENT ACT

THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL STATUTES IN THE ANTI-LOBBYING ACT AND THE DEBARMENT ACT.

32. PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATORY BOYCOTTS OF ISRAEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 39:1602.1.

THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO ANY BID WITH A VALUE OF \$100,000 OR MORE AND TO VENDORS WITH FIVE OR MORE EMPLOYEES: BY SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION, THE BIDDER OR PROPOSER CERTIFIES AND AGREES THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CORRECT: IN PREPARING ITS RESPONSE, THE BIDDER OR PROPOSER HAS CONSIDERED ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FROM QUALIFIED, POTENTIAL SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS, AND HAS NOT, IN THE SOLICITATION, SELECTION, OR COMMERCIAL TREATMENT OF ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER, REFUSED TO TRANSACT OR TERMINATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, OR TAKEN OTHER ACTIONS INTENDED TO LIMIT COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, WITH A PERSON OR

ENTITY THAT IS ENGAGING IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN ISRAEL OR ISRAEL-CONTROLLED TERRITORIES, WITH THE SPECIFIC INTENT TO ACCOMPLISH A BOYCOTT OR DIVESTMENT OF ISRAEL. THE BIDDER HAS ALSO NOT RETALIATED AGAINST ANY PERSON OR OTHER ENTITY FOR REPORTING SUCH REFUSAL, TERMINATION, OR COMERCIALLY LIMITING ACTIONS. THE STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT THE RESPONSE OF THE BIDDER OR PROPOSER IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED TO BE FALSE, AND TO TERMINATE ANY CONTRACT AWARDED BASED ON SUCH A FALSE RESPONSE.

33. CERTIFICATION OF NO FEDERAL SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT. BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING ANY BID FOR \$25,000 OR MORE, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES THAT THEIR COMPANY, ANY SUBCONTRACTORS, OR PRINCIPALS ARE NOT SUSPENDED OR DEBARRED BY THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IN "AUDIT REQUIREMENTS IN SUBPART F OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET'S UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS" (FORMERLY OMB CIRCULAR A-133).
A LIST OF PARTIES WHO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED OR DEBARRED CAN BE VIEWED VIA THE INTERNET AT <HTTPS://WWW.SAM.GOV>.
34. IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA LAW, ALL CORPORATIONS (SEE LA R.S. 12:262.1) AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES (SEE LA R.S. 12:1308.2) MUST BE REGISTERED AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE IN ORDER TO HOLD A PURCHASE ORDER AND/OR CONTRACT OVER \$25,000.

The University of New Orleans desires to purchase a quantity of 1

**Microwave Digestion System with Pressurized Digestion Cavity Multiwave 7301
minimum Required Specifications**

Price \$_____

Specifications

Maximum power delivered - 1,700 W
Installed power - 2,000 W
Cooler 0- Internal
Smart light - Included
Maximum temperature - 300 °C
Maximum pressure - 199 bar
HCl/Aqua regia digestions - Included
Balance connection - Included
Liner lift - Included
Stirring option - Included
VNC - Included
Email notifications - Included
Rack: Rack with 18 positions for Vial 18 mL TFM
Vial: 18 x PTFE-TFM for Rack 18
Vial plug: 18 x PTFE-TFM for Rack 18

Instrument Dimensions

Weight - 112 kg
Dimensions (width x depth x height) - (19.5 in x 29.2 in x 18.5 in)

Warranty to be a minimum of one year.
No maintenance contracts.

The University of New Orleans Department of Chemistry have reviewed quotes from the following suppliers and are acceptable.

Milestone Inc item MCLA1001-60 ULTRAWAVE ECR
GENTECH SCIENTIFIC ITEM ANTON PAAR MULTIWAVE 7301.
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