

**Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)  
Business Center North (BCN) Purchasing**

**COMPETITIVE EXCEPTION REQUEST**

This form must be completed by the requesting Department to request a waiver of the NSHE and/or Federal requirements for competition in purchasing. The requirement for competition starts at any purchase where the purchase amount aggregately over a 12-month period, and over the full term of a multi-year contract is \$25,000.00 (non-federal) or more, and is required for purchases of \$10,000.00 or more where Federal funds are or may be involved. See [BCN Purchasing Guidelines](#), "Competitive Exceptions," Page 15 for details.

<b>Campus &amp; Department:</b>	
<b>Department Contact/Requestor:</b>	
<b>Phone number and e-mail:</b>	
<b>Description of Product/Service:</b>	
<b>Total Cost of the Purchase or for the Full Term of the Contract:</b>	\$
<b>Supplier or Contractor Name:</b>	
<b>NOTE: Attach Supplier's Quotation and Detailed Specifications/Scope of Work.</b>	

Define why there is only one source by checking all that apply below and completing the corresponding section(s).		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cooperative Agreement or Previously Solicited Contract:</b> This purchase is based on a contract or price agreement established by a cooperative or other organization. (May still require competitive solicitation if over \$50,000)	See section A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pre-Approved:</b> This purchase is one of the pre-approved competitive exceptions listed in the BCN Purchasing Guidelines.	Complete section B
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Research or Compatibility:</b> Particular materials, supplies, equipment, or services are necessary for research purposes or for compatibility with existing products.	Complete section C
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Grant Requirement:</b> The award to a specific supplier, service provider, or contractor is a condition of a grant or donation that will fund the cost of the equipment, supply, service, or construction item.	Complete section D
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Used Equipment:</b> Used equipment, or products from an auction, closeout, bankruptcy, or similar sale. (Requires approval by Chief Business Officer)	Complete section E
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Emergency Purchases:</b> There exists an immediate danger to the public health, safety or the welfare of person(s), animal(s), the preservation or protection of property, or the continuance of a vital NSHE function.	Complete section F
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sole Source – Only One Supplier</b>	Complete section G

**Section A Cooperative Agreements**

<input type="checkbox"/>	BCN Purchasing Recognizes the Supplier as a Contracted Supplier, or the Supplier’s quotation provides details regarding the cooperative pricing that is acceptable to BCN Purchasing. (May still require competitive solicitation if the purchase amount over the full term of the contract is over \$50,000.)
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**Section B Pre-Approved** – The product or service is one that BCN Purchasing has approved as being exempt from competitive solicitation. (See [BCN Purchasing Guidelines](#), “Competitive Exceptions,” Page 15)

Details for the non-competitive product or service:

**Section C Research or Compatibility**

Details of the previously purchased product(s) that must be matched (Include PO number, etc.):

**Section D Grant Requirement** – If the product/supplier is specifically named in the grant, provide a copy of the section of the grant naming the requested product/supplier.

Details of the grant that specifies a certain supplier:

**Section E Used Equipment**

Details of the sale or auction:

**Section F Emergency**

Details of the emergency and who was notified and when:

**Section G Sole Source** – Why is the manufacturer or supplier uniquely qualified to provide the required item or service? Why must this item or service be purchased only from the proposed supplier? Why is a competitor’s product not satisfactory? Explain the need for unique specifications and why the unique specifications are critical to the intended use. Identify the unique features, characteristics, or specifications that serves as justification for sole source. Note: Checking with other possible suppliers oneself is not justification; nor is lack of awareness of other suppliers. Patents alone are not sufficient justification for waiving the bid process.

Answers to above questions and other needed details:

The waiving of formal bidding requirements does not mitigate the need to ensure purchases are competitively priced and the terms and conditions of the purchase are in the best interests of NSHE.

Complete this Competitive Exception Form and submit it with a Workday requisition to Purchasing for review and approval.

### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned states that the undersigned has prepared the above documentation and that the facts and data set forth are complete and accurate to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: The Requestor certifies that to the Requestor's knowledge, no elected or appointed official or employees of the NSHE has benefited or will benefit financially or materially from this award. The awarded contract may be terminated by the NSHE if it is determined that gratuities of any kind from the Supplier, its agents, or its employees were either offered to or received by any of the aforementioned individuals.

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REQUESTOR NAME AND TITLE (Please print or type)

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DEPARTMENT	PHONE	EMAIL
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REQUESTOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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DEAN/DIRECTOR'S NAME & SIGNATURE	DATE
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**Attach completed and signed exception form along with other documentation to Workday requisition.**

NOTE: *Exceptions require all necessary signatures above before Purchasing will review or process. Purchasing will be unable to approve-process this form and its accompanying requisition if the form is not complete with all necessary information and attachments; example: Section from the Grant award that lists the required product or service.*