

**Purchase Request #2**  
**Regular Board Meeting December 9, 2024**

**Consideration of Delegation of Authority to Contract for Biotechnology Equipment**

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chancellor or her designee to approve acquisition contracts for instructional equipment to support the Center for Biotechnology at Generation Park.

**BACKGROUND**

The Center for Biotechnology building at Generation Park will be completed in May 2025. The program has identified a need for equipment to support the curriculum. This includes bioreactors, cell processing equipment, chromatographs, and ultra-low temperature freezers.

In November 2024, the Board supported the use of \$3,000,000 from existing 2015 Bond Generation Park Opportunity Funds for the acquisition of required equipment. The acquisition strategy is to request pricing for both new and previously owned equipment. Items which exceed \$50,000 and cannot be sourced through quotes will be formally solicited through Requests for Proposals (RFP), which complies with the competitive procurement requirements per Texas Education Code §44.031(a). If available, items may also be formally sourced through cooperative contract programs, which complies with the competitive procurement requirements per Texas Education Code §44.031(a)(4) and is permitted through Texas Government Code §791.011(g).

**IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

Approval of this action will authorize the Chancellor or her designee to approve multiple purchases for the best value offerings to fulfill the instructional requirements of the program until the allocated funds are depleted. Ideally, these offerings will include used equipment with a limited window of availability, but costs dramatically less than new systems. Obtaining this authority in advance ensures that the College will be able to acquire suitable equipment within such restricted windows of availability.

**BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)**

The cost of these acquisitions will not exceed \$3,000,000 in the aggregate. No individual item is expected to exceed \$400,000. The project is funded from the 2015 Bond Program.

**MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

This project will be managed by capital projects and biotechnology department staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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**RFP 25-37 - Biotech Downstream Equipment Final Summary Scores**

<b>Equipment Type 1 Small - Scale Chromatography</b>						
Supplier	Awarded	Rank	Total Score	Section 1: Equipment Specs	Section 2: Delivery Timeline	Section 3: Price Proposal
<b>GMI OpCo, LLC</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>88.85</b>	<b>36.50</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>38.85</b>
<b>Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>82.88</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>32.88</b>
Cytiva		3	72.13	31.00	14.00	27.13
Heritage ALT LLC dba American		4	66.63	25.00	13.50	28.13

<b>Equipment Type 2 Mid-Scale Chromatography</b>						
Supplier	Awarded	Rank	Total Score	Section 1: Equipment Specs	Section 2: Delivery Timeline	Section 3: Price Proposal
<b>GMI OpCo, LLC</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>99.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>
Cytiva		2	69.02	32.50	15.00	21.52

<b>Equipment Type 3 Pilot-Scale Chromatography</b>						
Supplier	Awarded	Rank	Total Score	Section 1: Equipment Specs	Section 2: Delivery Timeline	Section 3: Price Proposal
<b>Cytiva</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>92.50</b>	<b>37.50</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>
GMI OpCo, LLC		2	72.30	27.50	15.00	29.80
ThermoFisher Scientific_ Fines		3	59.61	30.00	5.00	24.61

<b>Equipment Type 4 Small-Scale TFF</b>						
Supplier	Awarded	Rank	Total Score	Section 1: Equipment Specs	Section 2: Delivery Timeline	Section 3: Price Proposal
<b>Cytiva</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>92.50</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Sartorius Stedim North America</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>82.50</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>40.00</b>

<b>Equipment Type 5 Pilot-Scale TFF</b>						
Supplier	Awarded	Rank	Total Score	Section 1: Equipment Specs	Section 2: Delivery Timeline	Section 3: Price Proposal
<b>Cytiva</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>
GMI OpCo, LLC		2	79.20	32.50	12.50	34.20
Sartorius Stedim North America		3	67.00	30.00	5.00	32.00