

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3K) BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE SAT (\$150K))

IAW [FAR13.104](#), COs must promote competition to the maximum extent practicable to obtain supplies and services from the source whose offer is the most advantageous to the Government, considering the administrative cost of the purchase. When competition is not practicable, IAW [FAR13.106-1\(b\)](#), COs solicit from a single source for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. COs may solicit from one source if the CO determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization). IAW [FAR13.106-3\(b\)\(3\)](#), COs are required to include additional statements **explaining the absence of competition** (see [13.106-1](#) for brand name purchases) if only one source is solicited and the acquisition does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (does not apply to an acquisition of utility services available from only one source) or supporting the award decision if other than price-related factors were considered in selecting the supplier. This template when completed can be used to document single source awards IAW [FAR13.106-3\(b\)\(3\)](#). Note: Statements such as "only known source" or "only source which can meet the required delivery date" are inadequate to support a sole source purchase.

1. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER:

595-15-1-021-0123

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

NA

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$29,995.50

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:

The Lebanon VA Medical Center (LVAMC) has a requirement for a surgical screw removal/extraction set. The screw removal/extraction set will be used to remove screws that are damaged during surgery. In an effort to avoid delays and/or extensions of patient care, the acquisition of the screw extraction set will eliminate the practice of calling the vendor to deliver supplies during urgent procedures. The items listed below comprise the parts needed to successfully build a universal set of tools for removing all screws encountered during surgery. The required screw extraction set includes tools that are designed to universally extract any orthopedic screws that the surgeon may encounter in a patient during surgery. The universal nature of the set is important, since it is possible that a patient may have any brand or type of screw implanted from a previous surgery. The following items contained in the Synthes Brand Screw Extraction Set (Model #01.240.001), and three, additional Synthes Screw Driver items, on combination, has been found to have the most comprehensive collection of extraction tools, that is necessary to meet LVAMC's needs.

01.240.001	SCREW REMOVAL SET	EA	1
SET INCLUDES THE BELOW ITEMS:			
311.431	LARGE HANDLE WITH QUICK COUPLING	EA	1
393.105	SMALL UNIVERSAL CHUCK WITH T-HANDLE	EA	1
310.99	COUNTERSINK FOR 4.5MM CORTEX SCREWS	EA	1
310.95	HANDLE WITH MINI QUICK COUPLING, STAINLESS STEEL	EA	1
03.607.104	4.0MM CARBIDE DRILL BIT EXTENSION	EA	1
03.607.106	6.0MM CARBIDE DRILL BIT EXTENSION	EA	1
314.451	2.4MM STARDRIVE SCREWDRIVER SHAFT	EA	1
313.842	2.0MM SCREWDRIVER BLADE/SELF-RETAINING/STARDRIVE(TM)/SHORT	EA	1

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313.832	1.5MM SCREWDRIVER BLADE/SELF- RETAINING/STARDRIVE(TM)/S HORT	EA	1
313.822	1.3MM SCREWDRIVER BLADE SLF- RETAIN/STARDRIVE(TM)/SHOR T	EA	1
03.900.022	2.4MM CRUCIFORM SCRWDRVR SHAFT 100MM	EA	1
309.521	CONICAL EXTRACTION SCREW FOR 3.5MM SCREWS	EA	1
03.900.032	4.0MM HEX SCREWDRIVER SHAFT 100MM	EA	1
03.900.044	T40 STARDRIVE SCRWDVR SHAFT 100MM	EA	1
03.900.042	T25 STARDRIVE SCRWDVR SHAFT 100MM	EA	1
309.520	CONICAL EXTRACTION SCREW FOR 2.7MM & 3.5MM CORTEX SCREWS	EA	1
313.993	1.5MM/2.0MM CRUCIFORM SCRWDRVR SHAFT, SELF- RETAINING	EA	1
313.992	1.3MM CRUCIFORM SCREWDRIVER SHAFT, SELF- RETAINING	EA	1
313.991	1.0MM CRUCIFORM SCREWDRIVER SHAFT, SELF- RETAINING	EA	1
314.465	CRUCIFORM SCREWDRIVER SHAFT	EA	1
309.501	CONICAL EXTRACTION DEVICE FOR THREADED WASHERS	EA	1
309.510	CONICAL EXTRACTION SCREW FOR 1.5MM & 2.0MM CORTEX SCREWS	EA	1
314.464	CANNULATED DRIVER FOR THREADED WASHERS F/3.0MM CANN SCREWS	EA	1
309.200	HOLLOW REAMER-COMPLETE FOR 2.0MM SCREWS	EA	1
309.250	HOLLOW REAMER-COMPLETE FOR 2.7MM SCREWS	EA	1
309.150	HOLLOW REAMER-COMPLETE FOR 1.5MM SCREWS	EA	1
398.651	NARROW SCREW REMOVAL PLIERS	EA	1
03.607.110	DRILL SUCTION DEVICE	EA	1
03.607.025	2.5MM DRILL SLEEVE CLIP-ON FOR 03.607.110	EA	1
03.607.035	3.5MM DRILL SLEEVE CLIP-ON FOR 03.607.110	EA	1
03.607.040	4.0MM DRILL SLEEVE CLIP-ON FOR 03.607.110	EA	1

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03.607.048	4.8MM DRILL SLEEVE CLIP-ON FOR	EA	1
	03.607.110		
03.607.060	6.0MM DRILL SLEEVE CLIP-ON FOR	EA	1
	03.607.110		
60.240.001	GRAPHIC CASE FOR SCR REMOVAL SET	EA	1
03.900.001	STRAIGHT SHARP HOOK	EA	1
03.900.002	AO COUPLING EXTENSION SHAFT	EA	1
03.900.011	SMALL SCREW REMOVAL FORCEPS	EA	1
03.900.013	LARGE SCREW REMOVAL FORCEPS	EA	1
387.34	CONICAL EXTRACTION SCREW	EA	1
309.530	CONICAL EXTRACTION SCREW FOR	EA	1
	LARGE SCREWS & 4.9MM BOLTS		
309.065	HOLLOW REAMER COMPLETE FOR	EA	1
	6.5MM & 7.0MM SCREWS		
309.450	HOLLOW REAMER-COMPLETE FOR	EA	1
	4.5MM SCREWS		
309.069	EXTRACTION BOLT FOR 6.5MM &	EA	1
	7.0MM SCREWS		
309.490	EXTRACTION BOLT FOR 4.5MM	EA	1
	SCREWS		
314.15	LARGE HEXAGONAL SCREWDRIVER	EA	1
	SHAFT		
314.119	STARDRIVE SCREWDRIVER SHAFT	EA	1
	T25/QC		
314.116	STARDRIVE SCREWDRIVER SHAFT	EA	1
	QC/T15		
309.035	HOLLOW REAMER COMPLETE FOR	EA	1
	3.5MM & 4.0MM SCREWS		
309.039	EXTRACTION BOLT FOR 3.5MM &	EA	1
	4.0MM SCREWS		
314.03	SMALL HEXAGONAL SCREWDRIVER	EA	1
	SHAFT		
309.290	EXTRACTION BOLT FOR 2.7MM	EA	1
	SCREWS		
309.190	EXTRACTION BOLT FOR 2.0MM	EA	1
	SCREWS		
309.090	EXTRACTION BOLT FOR 1.5MM	EA	1
	SCREWS		
398.65	FORCEPS FOR BROKEN SCREW	EA	1
	REMOVAL		
314.13	LARGE HEXAGONAL SCREWDRIVER	EA	1
	WITH T-HANDLE		
319.39	SHARP HOOK	EA	1
399.68	HOLLOW GOUGE FOR BROKEN	EA	1
	SCREW EXPOSURE		
313.93	4.0MM HEXAGONAL	EA	1
	SCREWDRIVER		
311.01	HANDLE WITH MINI QUICK	EA	1
	COUPLING		
310.89	COUNTERSINK F/3.5MM CORTEX &	EA	1
	4.0MM CANCELLOUS BONE		
	SCREWS		
ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUESTED PER STATEMENT OF NEED			
2	03.505.203	2.0MM HEX	EA 1
		SCREWDRIVER	

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3	03.505.204	BLADE HEX COUPLING 2.5MM HEX SCREWDRIVER BLADE HEX COUPLING	EA	1
4	03.505.205	CRUCIFORM SCREWDRIVER BLADE HEX COUPLING/SMALL	EA	1
<p>Estimated Amount: \$29,995. Estimated Delivery:</p>				
<p>3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:</p> <p>This is a brand name justification in support of FAR 11.105, Items Peculiar to One Manufacturer.</p> <p>According to the Technical Point of contact, it is essential to the Government's needs to purchase the Synthes Surgical Screw Extraction Set, with three additional Synthes screw extraction tools and/or accessories, for the following reasons:</p> <p>The VA Lebanon Medical Center, (LVAMC) requires the Synthes Surgical Screw Extraction Kit #01.240.001, since the Synthes Set offers a larger variety of tools, totaling 63 tools, and more specific sizes, to include five sizes of drill sleeves, small and large screw removal forceps, pliers, and three sizes of extraction bolts, which are not specifically available as individual tools in another companies similar screw extraction kit. The number and variety of tools included in the set allow the surgery team to eliminate the practice of calling the vendor to deliver supplies during urgent procedures. No other brand name item has been identified that can meet these requirements.</p> <p>In researching this requirement, the technical experts determined that a risk to the Veteran patient exists when the surgery team does not have on hand the tools to properly remove broken screws during surgery. It is essential that the screw extraction set kept for these occasions offers the best possible options for successful removal. Based on the above, the the Set that offers the most tools is the Synthes Screw Extraction set.</p> <p>In addition, all 3 orthopedic surgeons; the Operating Room (OR) Nursing Staff; and the Surgical Operations Manager; at the VA Lebanon Medical Center, have indicated the following:</p> <p>The three Surgeons and the OR Staff, at the VA Lebanon VA Medical Center, prefer a Universal type Screw Removal Set, and have indicated the following: Based on their practical experience, the Synthes Screw Removal Instrument Kit/Tools, will remove all screw types including broken screws and screw heads that are stripped, and in their opinion is a Universal Set. Market Research performed has indicated there are only two companies who make a Universal type Screw Removal Set, of which one is Synthes, and the other company's Set is not available through a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business. In addition, based on experience when comparing the Synthes Kit Tools to other manufacturer brands, that the Synthes Screw Removal instruments takes less time to remove the hardware, thus saving patients additional anesthesia time and increasing patient safety. Thus, the Synthes Kit Tools allows for the VA Lebanon Medical Center less OR time for their patients, thus increasing efficiency, and increases the number of patients they can serve in the OR, which will result in more of a cost savings to the facility.</p>				

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:

The VA Lebanon Medical Center must purchase the Synthes Screw Removal Kit/Tools, from Beacon Point Associates, since Synthes does not sell their items on the GSA or VA Federal Supply Schedule, and since Synthes only has two Small Business re-sellers, of which only one (Beacon Point Associates), is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business; and since the Department of Veterans Affairs is required to follow the requirements of the Veterans First Contracting Program, to award contracts to SDVOSBs or VOSBs in the open market, before considering any other sources; and since the Department of Veterans Affairs has the authority under 38 USC 8127 (b) & (c), to make Sole Source awards to SDVOSBs and VOSBs, if the Contractor meets the requirements set forth in 38 USC 8127. Beacon Point Associates has been found to have met these requirements. The specific authority being used for this Sole Source award is 38 USC 8127 (b). (See email from Synthes, dated 11/4/2014 and 11/1/2014, and email from the VA Doctor who heads up the Orthopedic Department, in the Procurement Action Briefcase under P02.)

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

Market Research conducted by the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative:

Conducted market research by reviewing other similar products. Aside from the Stryker Screw Removal Set, the requesting area, could not find another surgical screw extraction set, that offers the features of a universal surgical extraction screw set. The Stryker set only offered 37 tools, in comparison to the Synthes set, which offers 63 tools. The Synthes set has a larger variety of tools, and more specific sizes. Specific tools in the Synthes set not included in the Stryker set include five sizes of drill sleeves, small and large screw removal forceps, pliers, and three sizes of extraction bolts. They did not find the Synthes or Stryker Screw Removal Sets on the GSA FSS.

Market research included searches of VA inventories, excess inventories from other agencies, UNICOR, Ability One, FSS, GSA, and Blanket Purchase Agreements. No screw extraction or removal sets were found.

Based on all of these market research efforts, the Government's technical experts have determined that only the Synthes brand name screw extraction set can meet all of VA's needs.

Market Research conducted by the Contracting Officer:

Confirmed with Synthes that they sell their Universal Surgical Screw Extraction Set to the General Public, thus categorizing it as a Commercial Item. (See email from Synthes, dated 11/21/2014, under P02 in the Contract File)

Performed a Google (Google Search) using the words Universal Surgical Screw Removal Set, and Surgical Screw Extraction Set, and only Synthes, and Millennium Surgical came up.

Queried the GSA Advantage website, and could not find a Universal Surgical Screw Extraction Set. (See copies of all print outs from the above queries under P02 in the Contract File).

Contracted two GSA Contractors, including Stryker Spine and Buffalo Supply, Inc., and asked them if they sold a Screw Extraction Set similar or equal to the Synthes Kit, of their GSA FSS Contracts, and Stryker Spine did not provide an answer, and Buffalo Supply indicated they do not sell these types of instruments off their GSA FSS Contract. The Contracting Officer also verified with the VA FSS Contracting Officer, that Stryker Spine, does not sell these items off their GSA FSS Contract.

Confirmed that Synthes does not have a GSA or VA FSS Contract to sell a Screw Extraction Set, and that they only have two Small Business re-sellers, with one of them (Beacon Point Associates), being a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business. (See email from Synthes, dated 11/4/2014 and 11/1/2014, under P02 in the Procurement Action Briefcase of the Contract File)

The Contracting Officer obtained written confirmation from Beacon Point Associates, that all of the items that make up this purchase, that include Synthes Set #01.240.001, are not available in another manufacturers screw extraction set. (See email from Beacon Point Associates, dated 11/5/2014, under P02 in the Procurement Action Briefcase of the Contract File.)

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The Technical Point of Contact for this requirement had previously obtained quotes from Synthes and Beacon Point Associates, which the Contracting Officer compared against an updated Quote he obtained from Beacon Point Associates, to justify price reasonableness. The Contracting Officer, also obtained a copy of a previous Contract that the VA Las Vegas Office awarded to Beacon Point Associates for the same items, along with an email that explained the reason for the slight price increase, to compare and justify price reasonableness of the updated Quote. The information evidenced that the prices offered in the updated quote, were fair and reasonable. (See copies of Quotes; previous Contract; and email from Beacon Point Associates, under S23 of the Solicitation Action Briefcase of the Contract File.). The COR has also approved the purchase of the needed items at the quoted price.

6. Requestor Certification: *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Signature: _____

Name: Carl Reese, MD, M.Sc.

Title: ACOS Surgery

Facility: Lebanon VA Medical Center

Date: 4 Dec 2014

7. Contracting Officer's Certification: *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Facility: _____

8. NCM/PCM Certification: *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Facility: _____