

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:
509-15-1-208-0076

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
\$12,500.00

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: Urgency rental of an iNAV portable STEALTH Medtronic Cranial Navigation System from Medtronic, Neuro Div., 710 Medtronic Pkwy LC110, Minneapolis, MN 41149 for the use in locating and performing a biopsy and/or removal of a brain tumor for veteran beneficiaries.

1. 3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: Reference 41 USC§253(c)(1) for unusual and compelling urgency per FAR 6.302-2, two (2) patients have a brain tumor of uncertain etiology and it is imperative that the VA neurosurgeons perform this procedure in a timely manner in order to obtain a diagnosis and recommend appropriate treatment. The procedure calls for a navigation system that provides three dimensional, visual reference points and precise probing maneuverability that is critical in locating and removing deep brain tumors. The probes must be able to maneuver past good tissue in its quest to locate the tumor. This system is vital to this type of procedure due to the intricacy of the accessories in removing brain tumors. Past experience and neurological clinical experts recommend the iNAV portable STEALTH unit Medtronics Cranial Navigation System because of its extremely precise localization of brain tumors allowing for more accuracy with less injury to the surrounding normal brain tissue. The patient needs every advantage for the success of the procedure that allows minimal recovery time and offers the patient a better quality of life. Use of the Medtronic Cranial Navigation System is considered a standard of care in neurosurgery.

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

Operating Room personnel previously evaluated several vendors in the past for this type of navigation guidance system, specifically, Codman, General Electric and Medtronic. Codman and General Electric did not supply the equipment necessary to perform the vital function of locating the brain tumor with as much proficiency as the iNAV portable STEALTH unit Medtronic Cranial Navigation System. Medtronic is the manufacturer and distributor of the iNAV portable STEALTH cranial navigation system.

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

CONDUCTED: Due to the crucial nature and urgency of the procedures, no other system is acceptable other than the Medtronic unit which has proven to be less risky to the patient and is more accurate with less injury to the surrounding normal brain tissue. Emergency memorandum for the rental of the requested equipment was signed and submitted by the Medical Center Director due to the urgency of the cranial procedure for the veteran beneficiaries (see attached memorandum).

6. 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: _____

Name: Frank Fogg

Title: Contracting Officer

Facility: CNVAMC, Augusta, Georgia

Date: 12-15-2014