

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:

766-15-2-400-0351

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$96,000

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

ONE TOUCH ULTRA (GLUCOSE) TEST STRIP 50ct – to refill veteran's prescriptions that specifically use the One Touch Ultra family of meters. These test strips are machine/monitor specific and are not interchangeable. The NAICS code is 325413 In-Vitro Diagnostic Substance Manufacturing.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:

The ONE TOUCH ULTRA (GLUCOSE) Test Strips that are being requested for this procurement are BRAND Specific and can only be used with the ONE TOUCH ULTRA glucose meter. There are various types of glucose meters that are manufactured in the market place. Each glucose meter has its own supplies that are made specifically for its glucose meter and do not have the capability to interface with other glucose meters.

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

The CMOP pharmacy employees do not have the training and or the authority to countermand the physician's order when written "Brand Name or NSN Specific" products, since this is the same as "Dispense as Written" on physicians prescriptions. No NSN# substitutions are permitted. In the VA, Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) has determined that CMOP IDs in the National Drug File (NDF) will most always identify "Brand Specific" products in the VA Print Name.

These supplies are not interchangeable with other brands of glucose testers without causing harm to the patient. The patient is not guaranteed to receive the correct glucose meter reading if using another brand. In this case, any substitution of the required medical supply (other than the supplies that are being requested) and could be life threatening for the patient. At this time, there are no other suitable substitutions available.

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

After searching NAC & GSA, there are no available contracts for the item requested. A search of the Center for Veteran Enterprise Vendor Information Pages indicates there are 4 SDVOSB vendors which are under the NAICS code of 325413. A query at the SBA Dynamic Search portal returned 119 possible small business vendors. However, these vendors are not engaged in manufacture, but are distributors for large business wholesalers. Because the Government is not allowed to do business using Wholesale Trade or Retail Trade NAICS codes, searches must be conducted using the manufacture NAICS code of 325413 In-Vitro Diagnostic Substance Manufacturing.

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: _____
Title: _____
Facility: _____

Date: 01/23/2015 _____