

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:

765-15-2-021-0459

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

NA

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

Minimed Reservoirs (MMT-332A), NDC 76300-0332-10, are manufactured by Paradigm and are components of Paradigm Insulin Pumps that must use name brand specific components. Disposable reservoirs are part of the insulin delivery system. Patients have existing insulin pump systems that are doctor prescribed.

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

Per the Paradigm User Manual, extensive testing has been done to confirm Medtronic Reservoirs are safe and appropriate for operation. Any other product is not guaranteed against malfunctioning or appropriate operation. Ultimately, the safety of the patient could be at risk.

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

Within the VHA brand name or NDC specific drugs may be prescribed by physicians when in their clinical judgment the brand name or NDC specific drug will provide a better therapeutic outcome for patients. Brand name or NDC specific drugs are requested when there is a clinical requirement for the drug. In this case, the brand name or NDC specific drug name is requested on the list above.

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 any of the items requested. Products to be acquired have been prescribed for patients by VA physicians. Pharmacy employees do not have the training and /or authority to countermand physicians orders "Brand Name or NDC Specific" products are the same as "dispense as Written" on physicians prescription. No NDC 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. This is not always inclusive where a particular NDC has been determined to be "formulation specific" by clinical evaluation performed by the PBM or in the case where only one product in the marketplace has been identified to contain the specific ingredients to match the product

code.

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.*

Date: 3/3/2015