

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:
509-15-2-043-0007

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
\$3500.00

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: The Lokomat robotic gait training system is a piece of equipment used in all of the VA SCI centers. This equipment is very technical and requires specific training in order for therapists to be competent in using the equipment with patients. This request is submitted to secure funding to bring a trainer from the Hocoma Company to train up to 6 therapists. The therapists have to be trained in the specific set up when placing a patient in the robotic legs in order to prevent injury. There is potential for a lower extremity fracture if the setup is not done correctly. This requirement has been submitted because the previous physicians that received training have departed the Charlie Norwood VAMC. It is imperative that all physicians utilizing the Lokomat robotic equipment receive proper training to ensure that direct patient care is provided

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: Hocoma is the manufacture of the Lokomat equipment and provides the basic training program in order to ensure safe use of the equipment with patients.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:
Hocoma has provided a memorandum stating that they are the sole proprietor of this equipment and that only certified Hocoma trainers can provide the requested services.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Internet research reveals that Hocoma is the sole manufacturer of the Lokomat robotic gait system. There are other gait training systems, but not a robotic system with the specific software used in the Lokomat.

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: 

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Title: Supervisory Contracting Officer

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Date: 3/9/2015