

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

IAW FAR 13.104, 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 FAR 13.106-1(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 FAR 13.106-3(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 FAR 13.106-3(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: 558-15-2-122-0088	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER N/A	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$39,726.96
2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: In accordance with FAR 11.105 (a) (1), The particular brand name, product, or feature is essential to the Government's requirement, and market research indicates other companies' similar products are lacking these particular feature, do not meet, or cannot be modified to meet, the agency needs. The VAMC Durham, 508 Fulton Street, NC 27705, shall procure the same brand name product, manufactured by Leica; thus ensuring standardization of all Leica RM 2255 Bioysis Microtome and accessories in the facility. The action will be awarded as a new firm fixed priced contract.		
3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: There are no other brands and products in the market place that is comparable to the Leica products.		
4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: Leica is the manufacture of this product.		
5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Market research was conducted and research shows there are other providers that can supply this product. Therefore, the Contracting Officer determines that the anticipated cost for the Government is fair and reasonable.		

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: GAIL BARGAINEER

Title: Contract Specialist

Facility: VISN 6

Date: _____

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Signature: _____

Name: Angel Rhone

Title: Supervisor

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Date: _____

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