

**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:**

DME Services for VA Fresno – 6-Month BRIDGE Contract

**1A. PROJECT/TASK  
NUMBER**

NONE

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$110,580

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

DME services (storage, delivery, set-up, repair, instructions-in-use, and pick-up of Government-owned equipment (including wheelchairs, crutches, canes, tub benches, safety rails, toilet safety frames, hospital beds, trapezes, commodes, chairs, mattresses, etc.) for beneficiaries managed by VA Fresno.

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

Ray Fisher Pharmacy is currently the incumbent contractor for DME services for beneficiaries managed by the VA Fresno clinic. Any other action at this juncture would cause undue harm and serious injury and financial risk to the Government and VA patients.

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

The current contract for this service contract with Ray Fisher Pharmacy (a small business) is about to expire on 3/31/2015. This supplier is currently providing satisfactory service to the VA. A procurement action (IDIQ) is currently being worked on to provide DME services over a five-year period. This bridge contract is an interim solution until the IDIQ DME services contract for VISN 21 is awarded (anticipated award date is October 1, 2015.) Ray Fisher Pharmacy is the only responsible source that is capable of meeting VA's immediate need because they are performing the requirement now and are in possession of the Government Furnished Equipment that will need to continue to be provided to veterans without a break in service. Any other contractor would need a significant amount of lead time to prepare for the transfer of all of VA's equipment that is in the possession of Ray Fisher Pharmacy to be transferred to their warehouses. The items to be provided are considered prosthetic appliances. Without the timely delivery of the equipment covered by this action, veterans would be without wheelchairs, crutches, and many aids to daily living to name a few. The scheduling and operational coordination from the contractor generally requires a phased-in period to relay invaluable patient information and coordinate transfer of patient equipment.

Additionally, the bridge contract is required due to the follow on procurement being delayed due to the lack of contracting personnel caused by a seasoned contracting officer leaving the organization and due to the complexity of procuring the new five-year IDIQ DME services contract VISN 21, which requires formal acquisition planning procedures, requiring a senior-level contracting officer. This bridge action allows for patient needs to be satisfied, and also for more cohesive, competitive procurement action to be awarded than if we had to expedite a new award.

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

Ray Fisher Pharmacy was identified as the only potential contractor for this requirement. At this time, this vendor is the only source currently able to provide continuity of service.

**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: **Angela Oppenheimer**

Title: **Contracting Officer, NCO 21 / VA Martinez**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*3/19/15*