

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: 766-15-3-400-0595 (EMERGENCY REQUEST)	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER VA770-15-Q-0096	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$69,800.00
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: The DEXCOM G4 Platinum Glucose Sensor is a specialized diabetic medical supply that is required to be used with the CGM Systems (Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems) in order for the CGM System to be able to function properly.

- Description of request: DEXCOM G4 GLUCOSE SENSOR (Brand Name)
- NDC: 008627004104 (NO SUBSTITUTES) / Item #: STS-GL-041 (NO SUBSTITUTES)
- Quantity requested: 200 boxes (4 sensors per box = 28 day supply)
- MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING FEATURES: G4 PLATINUM SENSOR; invasive (e.g. subcutaneous), disposable, for use with interstitial continuous glucose monitoring system up to 7 days
- Supplier/Manufacturer: DEXCOM, INC.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: The justification for utilizing Brand Name/Specific concern is warranted because there are various types of CGM Systems (Continuous Glucose Monitoring) in the market place. Each brand of CGM system and supplies are made specifically by the manufacturer for a specific brand and are only guaranteed to work correctly with that brand. The requested glucose sensors that are required to complete this procurement request are manufactured by DEXCOM, INC. These sensors are unique to the DEXCOM CGM System and have the capability to work properly without causing undue harm to the patients.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: The item is brand specific and manufactured by Dexcom. However, the DEXCOM G4 PLATINUM GLUCOSE SENOR is able to be provided by suppliers other than the Manufacturer. Within the VHA brand name drugs and med/surg items may be prescribed by physicians when in their clinical judgment when the brand name item will provide a better therapeutic outcome for patients. Brand name items are requested when there is a clinical requirement for the specific item. In this case, the brand specific item 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 the item requested. A search of the Center for Veteran Enterprise Vendor Information Pages indicates there are 77 SDVOSB or VOSB vendors which are distributors of medical items. A query at the SBA Dynamic Search portal returned 949 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 339113 Surgical Appliance and Supplies 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: _____

Date: 04/13/2015

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