

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:

766-15-3-400-0662

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$96,000.00

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

ONE TOUCH ULTRA (GLUCOSE) TEST STRIPS 50ct – Retail or Mail order only box.

To replenish our stock for filling prescriptions of veteran's that specifically use the One Touch Ultra family of meters. Must be the original product from an authorized manufacturer and/or distributor.

These test strips are machine/monitor specific and are not interchangeable. The NAICS code is 325413 In-Vitro Diagnostic Substance Manufacturing.

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

One Touch Ultra Glucose Test Strip 50ct, CMOP ID# XZ173, brand specific per VA Print Name and therefore cannot be substituted. Item is currently not on the NAC, GSA, or offered via any other mandatory use schedules. NDC# 53885-0244-50. These test strips are machine/monitor specific and are not interchangeable.

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

The One Touch Ultra Glucose Test Strip is specifically required because patients have a blood glucose monitor where these strips are specifically designed for each meter. They are not interchangeable. The physician's scripts have "do not substitute". Therefore, brand name items are required to fill these prescriptions.

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 4 SDVOSB vendors which are under the NAICS code of 325413. A query at the SBA Dynamic Search portal returned 120 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 325413 In-Vitro Diagnostic Substance Manufacturing.

There is a list of distributors which have been authorized by Lifescan, the manufacturer of the One Touch Ultra Glucose Test Strips. We are competing between these distributors which include some small businesses and veteran owned small businesses.

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: 05/07/2015

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Title: CONTRACTING OFFICER

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