

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:

[REDACTED]

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

[REDACTED]

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

This acquisition is for a new GE Aespire anesthesia machine and accessories, as well as a GE Aisys Gas Module. These will be for use in providing anesthesia services to veterans requiring surgery. The Anesthesiology Service assists other departments when they have patients that require anesthesia for out-of-OR procedures. Some of the services that currently need this support are Cardiology, Psychiatry, and GI. In addition, the Endoscopy department will be performing more advanced bronchoscopy cases in the future; thus, requiring anesthesia. This increase in the types of cases requiring general anesthesia will result in the Anesthesiology Department being unable to provide sufficient service due to a lack of equipment.

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

The department is standardized to the GE brand of anesthesia machines, and the GE Aisys Gas Module is compatible with all current machines and support/maintenance contracts. Acquiring another brand would create substantial duplication of costs as a result of incompatibility issues, the requirement to purchase multiple brand machine support/maintenance costs, and the costs resulting from having to train all affected employees on multiple brands of equipment. This could also potentially lead to patient safety concerns if employees have to work with multiple brands of devices in emergency situations.

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

This is a brand name acquisition for the reasons stated in Section 3 above. Multiple resellers offer this product, so competition will still be utilized.

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

Searches for portable GE anesthesia machines were completed through Google, GSA Advantage!, and the NAC websites. GE Healthcare was also contacted directly. The GE devices were found to be available through at least two small business vendors. In addition, the prices for other brands of equipment were also reviewed in order to make the determination that it was not reasonable to purchase other brands.

The market research showed that the products should be competed as a brand name, commercial, small business set aside.

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: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Facility: _____