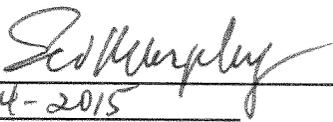


JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1
 (OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3K) BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE SAT (\$150K))

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: 675-15-3-2637-0992	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER N/A	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$24,582.92
2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: Currently the Orlando VA Medical Center (VAMC) uses lab instrument manager system software sold and operated by Data Innovations. This software enables lab equipment to transfer data to the Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA). The government intends to purchase the upgrade for the software in order for new lab equipment to transfer data to VistA.		
3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: The current software is sold and maintained by Data Innovations and therefore they are the only company that can upgrade the software. No other companies can supply the upgrade to the software being used as it is proprietary to the Data Innovations. The only way a similar upgrade could be acquired would be through a complete overhaul of the current system and software. This would cost more money to install new software and the lead time for installing would delay patient test results that are critical to patient care.		
4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: The current software is being maintained by Data Innovations. The software is proprietary to Data Innovations so, they are the only company that can supply an upgrade.		
5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Market research conducted showed upgrade to the software is proprietary in nature and can only be acquired through Data Innovations.		

6. Requirements 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: 8-04-2015

Name: Esther W. Murphy

Title: Laboratory Manager

Facility: Orlando VAMC

7. 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: 08/04/2015

Name: Kory Stiles

Title: Contracting Officer

Facility: Orlando VAMC