

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:	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
519-15-3-064-0220	VA258-15-AP-4068	Redacted

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: The West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) requires maintenance and repair services for two (2) Steris sterilizer units. The sterilizer units are used to sterilize various instruments used throughout the VA Medical Center and surgical department. Correct functioning of the sterilizers is critical to patient care and to the continued operation of the Sterile Processing Service (SPS). The sterilizers are located at the WTVAHCS main campus, 300 Veterans Blvd., Big Spring, TX 79720.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: Steris Corporation, the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of the sterilizer units, is the sole factory-authorized supplier of parts and services for the WTVAHCS Steris sterilizer units. Steris Corporation does not provide preventive maintenance service kits for sale to third party contractors. Market Research initially identified two (2) possible GSA contractors who were interested in providing the service through a subcontractor relationship with Steris Corporation. Upon closing of solicitation VA258-15-Q-0562, and evaluation of the one (1) priced quotation received, it was determined that the government's minimum requirements cannot be met via GSA.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:
Steris Corporation does not make their parts available ~~RedactedRedactedRedacted~~. Attempts to secure services through possible prime contractor/subcontractor relationship were unsuccessful.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Market Research was conducted in accordance with FAR Part 10, through the use of required hierarchies listed in FAR 8.002.

The original equipment manufacturer (OEM), Steris Corporation, currently holds a GSA contract under V797P-4921A; however, according to Steris Contract Specialist, ~~Redacted~~, maintenance and repair services are not included under the GSA contract and will be considered to be open market items.

A search of GSA e-Library identified Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) 65 II A – Medical Equipment and Supplies; category A-200 – Equipment Maintenance and Repair. The schedule contained seventy-five (75) contractors; those contractors were contacted concerning the government's requirement. A total of nineteen (19) responses were received from industry, and of those two (2) contractors indicated that they were capable of providing the services through a subcontractor relationship with Steris Corporation and were interested in providing a quotation. The two (2) contractors are listed below:

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Chapter VI: Other Than Full and Open Competition (OFOC) SOP
Attachment 4: Single Source Justification for SAP under \$150K

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Solicitation VA258-15-Q-0562 was issued via GSA e-Buy, to FSS 65 II A, category A-200, from 07/16/2015 to 07/31/2015. As a result of the solicitation one (1) priced quotation was received. It was determined by the technical evaluation team, consisting of RedactedRedacted RedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted that the quotation provided did not meet the government's minimum requirements as outlined in the solicitation.

In addition, a sources sought notice, VA258-15-N-0510, was issued to FBO.gov from 06/16/2015 to 06/18/2015. No responses were received from industry as a result of the sources sought notice.

It is therefore the determination of the Contracting Officer that the government's minimum requirements for Steris sterilizer unit maintenance and repair services can only be provided by Steris Corporation, 5960 Heisley Rd., Mentor OH 44060, DUNS: 177360039. The government intends to issue a Purchase Order in accordance with FAR Part 13 directly to Steris Corporation.

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: Redacted

Date: 09/01/2015

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Title: Contracting Officer

Facility: NCO 18