

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: VA258-15-AP-4958/ 501-15-4-237-0203	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER N/A	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$3963.97
2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: The VA Cooperative Studies Program Clinical Research Pharmacy Coordinating Center (CSPCRPCC); located at 2401 Centre Ave., SE, Albuquerque, NM87106, has a requirement to purchase pharmaceutical grade microcrystalline cellulose. This purchase will allow the manufacture of clinical drugs for CSP594.		
3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: Avicel PH-302, NF, Pharmaceutical Grade Microcrystalline Cellulose from FMC Biopolymer will be used for Research Study CSP594. Formulation of the products (defining the ingredients for the products and amount) has started and pilot studies are starting utilizing Avicel PH-302, NF. Each vendor's product will vary by density, crystal morphology, particle size and other characteristics. These characteristics impact the formulation. Procurement from another source will necessitate additional formulation research to an external contractor. It will also require revisions to multiple documents. In addition we may need to notify and gain approval from Research Study committee chairs, and the change could require resubmission of the project to the FDA. These issues will cause significant delays and could delay or stop this multi-million dollar study impacting VA patients planning to participate in the study and funding for employees who will be unable to work on the study.		
4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: Avicel PH-302, NF is a trademark of FMC Biopolymer. Nada Kabis at FMC Biopolymer confirmed that FMC is the sole manufacturer. Ms. Kabis confirmed that FMC Biopolymer is the sole distributor of Avicel PH-302 for other than nutritional supplements.		
5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Market Research was conducted on GSA, NAC, FBO and FPDS. Zero results were found for a vendor who could provide the needed item. Avicel PH-302, NF is a trademark of FMC Biopolymer. Nada Kabis at FMC Biopolymer confirmed that FMC is the sole manufacturer and distributor of Avicel PH-302, NF		
6. Contracting Officer's Certification: <i>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.</i> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Signature: <u>Douglas Crowley 446500</u> Name: <u>DOUGLAS J. CROWLEY</u> Title: <u>Contracting Officer</u> Facility: <u>SAO West/ V18 Contracting</u> </div> <div style="font-size: small;"> Digitally signed by Douglas Crowley 446500 DN: dc=gov, dc=va, o=internal, ou=people, 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.1=douglas.crowley@va.gov, cn=Douglas Crowley 446500 Date: 2015.09.08 15:55:55 -0700 </div> </div>		