

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:

640-15-2-163-0028/0029

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$133,750.00

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

The Verion Image Guided System and ORA System with Verifye are required for the Ophthalmology Department to perform cataract surgery on VA patients. The equipment will allow the surgeons to perform accurate intraocular lens placement, which will be a substantial improvement to the current surgical care being provided at the facility.

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

Currently when surgeons implant new lenses in patient's eyes, they align the lenses based on estimated marks made free handed on the patient's eyes with a marking pen. The Verion Image Guided System creates a perioperative map of a patient's iris, and superimposes the image on the surgeon's view through the operating microscope during surgery to indicate the correct axis of the lens placement while the ORA System with Verifye provides key intraoperative measurements for refractive cataract surgery with real time data validation.

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

The Verion Image Guided System and ORA System with Verifye are proprietary to Alcon Laboratories. Alcon purchased WaveTek's ORA System approximately one year ago. Alcon holds the proprietary rights to the hardware and software designs for the Verion Image Guided System and the ORA System with Verifye.

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

I posted a RFQ on GSA e BUY under source code 65IIA, Category A-36 Ophthalmic Units; and A-38 Ophthalmic Surgical Equipment. The RFQ posted to all small business concerns in these categories. There were no responses from the small business community. I checked FSS, FPI, Ability One, Unicor, Vet Biz, FPDS and SBA and no small businesses were found that could meet the VA's requirement. All market research has identified Alcon Laboratories as the only source for obtaining the Verion Image Guided System and ORA System with Verifye.

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.*