

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:

614-15-2-039-0011

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER:**

Not applicable (None)

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$97,160.00

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

Under the authority of Public Law 104-262, and Title 38 United States Code §8153, the contractor shall provide Board Certified Neurosurgery Physician Services on site in accordance with the specifications contained herein to beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Memphis VA Medical Center (VAMC).

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

VA Directive 1663, (implements provisions of Public Law 104-262, the Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996, which expands VA's health care resources sharing authority in Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) Sections 8151 through 8153), the Veterans Health Administration may enter into a non-competitive Health Care Resource contract with an affiliated academic institution, a teaching hospital associated with an affiliated medical college, or and individual physician or practice group associated with the medical college or associated teaching hospital.

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

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and medical school policies require that physicians supervising resident trainees hold faculty appointments at the accredited institution.

The requirements of VHA Handbook 1400.1 pertain to the standards of resident supervision from the standpoint of quality care, patient safety, resident education, and residency program accreditation standard. The affiliate is expected to meet VHA standards for resident supervision in terms of qualifications of the contract physician to supervise residents and of the supervising physician's physical presence in clinical settings and procedural involvement, including pre-operative evaluation and post-operative care as specified in the policy.

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

A market research report has been completed for the long. No further market research will be performed for this short-term emergency contract. As sole-source awards with affiliates must be considered the preferred option whenever education and supervision of graduate medical trainees is required for an approved program.

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: 8/14/2015

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