

**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:**

2.5 ICHM Velocity Instruments & IQ200 Elite Laboratory Instrument  
Maintenance Services- 610-16-1-177-0015

**1A. PROJECT/TASK  
NUMBER**

N/A

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$122,419.47 (base +4)

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

Requesting a base plus 4 option year contract for preventative maintenance and repair services of the 2.5 ICHM Velocity Instruments & IQ200 Elite Laboratory Instruments located at the Northern Indiana Healthcare System for the period effective 10/1/15 through 9/30/16. The 2.5 ICHM Velocity Instruments & IQ200 Elite Laboratory Instruments are high throughput instruments that provide urinalysis for a wide range of clinical chemistry lab tests to help determine what the patient illness is and thus help the medical staff properly treat the patient.

**Vendor:**

Beckman Coulter, Inc.  
11800 SW 147th Ave.  
Miami FL 33116  
800-526-3821

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

Beckman Coulter is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for these analyzer instruments. The requested preventative maintenance and repair services require the need for OEM parts, OEM trained technicians, and OEM proprietary software keys to perform these services. Beckman Coulter does not sell their replacement parts or proprietary software keys to third party retailers and therefore is the only source available to provide these repair services. 3<sup>rd</sup> party/aftermarket (aka: grey market) parts cannot be utilized to repair this equipment per VHA Procurement Manual Volume 6/Chapter IX/Section 5: Solicitations, in an effort to prevent grey market items from entering VHA facilities. Since Beckman-Coulter does not sell their parts to 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors, any replacement parts from other than the OEM would be grey market items and therefore unacceptable.

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

As specified in paragraph 3 above, Beckman Coulter is the only vendor with the ability to provide these preventative maintenance and repair services.

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

Market research was conducted. Universal Hospital Services was contacted, however, they do not perform maintenance on these instruments and do not have access to parts and proprietary software keys necessary to perform these services. Only the OEM can provide these services due the requirements for OEM guaranteed replacement parts, OEM trained technicians, and OEM Proprietary Software Keys required to perform these services.

**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:** September 25, 2015

**Name:** Lisa Frymier

**Title:** Contracting Officer

**Facility:** Network 11 Contracting Office