

**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:**

VA Form 2237# 610-16-1-177-0022  
VA Acquisition Plan #: VA251-15-AP-5705

**1A. PROJECT/TASK  
NUMBER**

N/A

**1B. ESTIMATED  
AMOUNT:**

\$87,078.96

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

The Northern Indiana Health Care System (VANIHCs) requires preventative maintenance, repair and technical support services for four (4) STERIS Corporation manufactured sterilizer systems. These services include preventative maintenance checks to ensure the equipment is in good operating condition and repair services to fix the equipment if and when the equipment fails from normal use. The four (4) sterilizer systems requiring support are located at the VANIHCs campuses at 2121 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 and 1700 E 38th Street in Marion, IN 46953. The period of performance for these services will be October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 with four (4) one (1) year options to be exercised at the Government's discretion.

The equipment covered by this Justification includes:

QTY 1- Steam Flush Pressure Pulse Sterilizer, Serial # 032090712  
QTY 1- Steam Flush Pressure Pulse Sterilizer, Serial # 031860715  
QTY 1- Reliance Medical Synergy Washer-Sterilizer, Serial # 362208004  
QTY 1- Caviwave Ultrasonic Cleaner System, Serial # 0607C0076

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

These preventative maintenance and repair services can only be performed by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM), STERIS Corporation 5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, OH 44060. STERIS is the only available source for three (3) reasons:

- 1) STERIS is the sole factory-authorized manufacturer of parts for the equipment they manufacture and service;
- 2) STERIS is the sole distributor of parts for the equipment they manufacture and service, they do not utilize distributors and ship parts directly to the customer; and
- 3) STERIS hires, trains, and authorizes only STERIS service technicians to service and maintain their equipment in order to ensure compliance with OEM specifications.

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

STERIS Corporation is the only source available for these services for the reasons stated in Section 3 of this justification.

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

The Contracting Officer did not contemplate other sources, as given the facts as listed in Section 3, any other source would not have access to original STERIS Corporation parts, nor would any third party have factory-trained and authorized service technicians available with support direct from the OEM. Utilizing a third party vendor without access to original parts and OEM support would put the Government at risk as should the equipment fail to perform in accordance with OEM specifications, the Government would not have recourse against the manufacturer and the VA would be liable for not following OEM maintenance

specifications.

**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:**

**Name:** Jared Tritle

**Title:** Contracting Officer

**Facility:** Richard L Roudebush VA Medical Center