

**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.

<b>1. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER:</b> 541-16-1-033-0035	<b>1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER</b>	<b>1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:</b> \$33,052.10
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**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**

The Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 10, Cleveland Medical Center, Logistics Service has an urgent need for ten (10) boxes of scissors. The scissors are Harmonic Focus Shears, in which are used for fine dissection and sealing of vessels and lymphatics in open procedures.

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

The Harmonic Focus Shears have the following unique qualities that no other shear has:

- Delivers 49% faster transection and sealing at the tip\* and 28% faster transection and sealing with a full bite
- Has a 19% slimmer design vs. current HARMONIC FOCUS® Curved Shears for improved visualization and control in narrow spaces
- Delivers a 15.7°F reduction in clamp arm temperature after 10 successive transections
- Adaptive Tissue Technology also delivers improved performance and enables an intelligent response to changing tissue conditions
- Improves heat management and causes less than 2mm of lateral thermal spread

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

A written solicitation was not used due to the procurement being completed under FAR 6.302-2(2)(b)(1), Unusual and Compelling Urgency, if the Government would be seriously injured unless the agency is permitted to limit the number of sources from which it solicits bids or proposal for an unusual and compelling urgency.

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

GSA and the NAC were queried to no avail. A written solicitation and heavy market research was not performed per FAR 6.302-2(2)(b)(1), Unusual and Compelling Urgency, if the Government would be seriously injured unless the agency is permitted to limit the number of sources from which it solicits bids or proposal for an unusual and compelling urgency.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_