

**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:**  
528-16-1-4314-0001

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**  
\$66,150.00 (FY 16)

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

Bicart 10 cartridges contain a bicarbonate powder and are used at the Dialysis Clinic at the Buffalo VA Medical Center for patients undergoing repeated dialysis treatment. Ten cartridges come in each case and a total of 105 cases are needed in the clinic each month.

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

There is only one manufacturer of the brand name Bicart 10 cartridges. Providers write orders particularly for this brand name drug that is used during urinary dialysis. No generic substitution is available, nor is it available on the NAC. Bicart 10 cartridges are the only type of bicarbonate powder cartridges at the Buffalo VA Medical Center.

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

Discussions with the vendor indicated that they are the manufacturer and sole distributor of these products. The vendor confirmed they only market this system in the United States through direct sales organization. No other vendors are authorized to distribute this product.

The vendor also confirmed that Bicart is the only product that has been validated by testing and verified the accuracy of on the Phoenix Hemodialysis System. This equipment is already in house at the Buffalo

VA Medical Center.

Market research has also shown that other VA Medical Centers, including the Buffalo VA Medical Center, have sole sourced the same product from Baxter in the past.

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

A search on GSAAAdvantage and the Medsurge catalog did not find any vendor available to fulfill this requirement.

A search on Vetbiz.gov was conducted using NAICS code 325412 Pharmaceutical Preparation Manufacturing. The search revealed nineteen SDVOSB/VOSBs registered under this NAICS code. However, no other vendor besides Baxter is authorized to distribute this product.

Market research on SBA dynamic search tool indicated that there are seven hundred thirty eight Small Businesses registered under this NAICS code. However, no other vendor besides Baxter is authorized to distribute this product.

A FPDS search was conducted where FPDS was queried using the keywords "Bicart". All results indicated orders were placed directly with Baxter or Gambro, until Gambro was purchased by Baxter.

Market research was also conducted on the NAC pharmaceutical catalog website. After contacting Baxter, it was proven that they are the sole distributor for this drug. Others are unable to supply the VA with the drug, as Baxter is the only authorized distributor is allowed to do so.

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**a. 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.*

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Allison Dubin  
Contracting Officer  
VISN 2 NCA

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Date