

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:

528-16-1-4307-0027
528-16-1-7307-0012
528-16-1-8307-0015

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veteran's Integrated Service Network (VISN) 2 laboratory departments at the Albany, Bath, Buffalo, Canandaigua and Syracuse Veteran's Affairs Medical Centers (VAMCs) require the reagent kits, controls, calibrators and consumables in order to perform DDimer, Fibrinogen, Thrombin Time and Factor Assays in a cost per reportable format.

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

The VISN recently awarded a cost per reportable BPA that will be effective 10/1/15 to Werfen USA. The BPA includes the reagent kits, controls, calibrators and consumables in order to perform PT and PTT in a cost per reportable format. The coagulation instrumentation will already be located at each facility.

The VISN 2 laboratories have space and staffing constraints and are therefore unable to obtain multiple pieces of equipment in order to run the requested tests. Further, the vendor has confirmed that only their tests kits are compatible with the system that that will be in place at all of the VISN 2 VA facilities. Therefore, they can only purchase the additional test kits, controls and calibrators from Werfen USA.

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. Further, the vendor has confirmed that only their tests kits are compatible with the system that that will be in place at all of the VISN 2 VA facilities.

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

The overall North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code was determined to be 334516 (Analytical Laboratory Instrument Manufacturing); with the small business size standard of 500 employees.

A search of Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) and Veteran Owned Small Businesses (VOSS) under NAICS Code 334516 (Analytical Laboratory Instrument Manufacturing) was conducted at www.vetbiz.gov; while SOVOSB and VOSB were identified under this NAICS Code, there are no vendors that are able to provide the required test kits that are compatible with the system that is already in house at all of the VISN 2 VA facilities.

A search on the SBA Dynamic Search tool was conducted using NAICS code 334516. While there were vendors identified under this NAICS Code, there are no vendors that are able to provide the required test kits that are compatible with the system that is already in house at all of the VISN 2 VA facilities.

The period of performance for this award will be 10/1/2015 – 09/30/2016 while the government pursues a long term solution.

6. 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.*

Allison Dubin
Contracting Officer
VISN 2 NCA

Date