

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:
675-16-1-6037-0002

1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER
N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
\$80,812.14

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

The Generic Instrument Manager (GIM) is a locally procured commercial device that controls communications between the laboratory instruments and Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA). The VistA system downloads work lists through the GIM to the various instruments, and the instruments upload results to VistA through the GIM Eliminating the need for laboratory developers to write a new interface for each different instrument.

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

GIM software for communicating to VistA is currently only provided by one source. All other sources have been dissolved or acquired by the current company based on my market research in section 5.

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

Based on the market research described in section 5, Data Innovations is the only company that can provide GIM software for the VA.

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

Market research was conducted via the Internet and it was found in the VA Laboratory Universal Interface (UI) Health Level (HL) V1.6 Upgrade, Installation and User Guide, states that the three primary vendors for GIM are Data Innovations, Dade and Dawning Technologies (VA Laboratory UI, HL, V1.6 Upgrade, Installation and User Guide, 2008, pg. 10). In a press release, 16 December, 2013, Data Innovations LLC had acquired the assets of Dawning Technologies, Inc. (Data Innovations press release, 2013). Dade (AKA Dade International and Dade Behring, Inc.) was acquired by Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics in 2007 (Bloomberg.com, retrieved from Internet, 2015). Currently Data Innovations is the only small business company that can provide GIM to the VA.

6. Requirements 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: Esther W. Murphy
Date: 9-29-2015

Name: Esther W. Murphy

Title: Laboratory Manager

Facility: Orlando VA Medical Center

7. 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: 09/29/2015

Name: Kory Stiles

Title: Contracting Officer

Facility: Orlando VAMC