

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. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:

VA241-15-AP-3874

VA241-15-AP-3875

1A. PROJECT/TASK No.

Testing Services:

Trans #523-16-12-2765-0043

Irradiated Blood Services:

Trans #523-16-2-2768-0003

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

Total = Base plus (4)
Options

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

Base plus 4 year IDIQ contract for STAT and other selected Laboratory Testing Services for VA Manchester when the facility lab is closed and for STAT testing not performed by VA Manchester Lab.

Also requested for this contract are emergency irradiated blood products when not available through the American Red Cross. Elliot Hospital is an American Red Cross (ARC) depot. Blood products for VA Manchester are supplied to this ARC depot and they will irradiate the blood product upon request.

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

Elliot Hospital is located in close proximity (1.9 miles and approximately 6 minutes driving time) to the Manchester VA and has provided lab services and irradiated blood products to this VA for many years. Elliot Hospital is able to provide STAT lab testing and can meet turnaround time requirements. This has been proven over time with past contracts and PO's used for these services.

Service provided by Elliot Hospital has been outstanding with no complaints from the clinical services at VA Manchester. Elliot Hospital can meet the need for STAT testing to be available 7 days per week/24 hours/day. Turnaround time requirements can only be met by a lab testing facility within very close proximity to the Manchester VA (within a 2 mile radius). Also because Elliot Hospital is an American Red Cross depot, they can provide the irradiated blood products not only to Manchester VA but to all sites within VISN 1 when they are not available from the American Red Cross directly.

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

A market search of the area shows that only 2 lab testing facilities that are capable of 24/7 operation and are within close proximity to the Manchester VA. Elliot Hospital is 1.9 miles and Catholic Memorial Medical Center is 2.2 miles away. However, since Catholic Memorial Medical Center is not an American Red Cross Depot, they would not be able to meet the need for the irradiated blood products. Additionally, travel to Catholic Memorial Center requires crossing the heart of the city of Manchester and crossing the Merrimack River which could be time consuming during peak hours. This would increase the turnaround time for STAT patient results and their diagnosis and treatment. The proximity to the VA Manchester is also a key factor in Elliot Hospital's ability to meet all turnaround requirements for patient care.

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

A Sources Sought Notice was published to FBO on 11/6/2015 with a follow on special notice on 11/10/2015 which included a list of the tests needed. To date, one response was received from _____, a small business located in Florida. Although the contractor asserts they can meet the VA Manchester needs, it is highly unlikely due to the fact that they have no testing facility in New Hampshire and their website does not show they have the capability to perform irradiation of blood products as required by the Performance Work Statement (PWS). They failed to respond to (2) requests to provide their capability statement and did not respond when they were asked how they could meet the VA Manchester's needs since they do not appear to meet all the requirements.

Searches conducted on GSA, VetBiz and the Small Business Dynamic Search Engine found no other contractors in the geographic proximity that can meet the VA Manchester needs as described in the PWS. Elliot Hospital can provide the quickest turnaround time for patient testing as well as provide irradiated blood products to Manchester VA and all sites within the VISN if they are unavailable from the American Red Cross. Elliot Hospital has been providing excellent products and services over many years and their quality and reliability has been proven invaluable to our Veterans.

6. Requestor:

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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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