

**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.

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| 1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID: VA262-15-AP-7967 | 1A. PROJECT/TASK No. | 1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$150,000.00 |
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: To provide the Loma Linda VA Medical Center with as needed Therapeutic Apheresis Services to qualified veterans/patients.

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

Currently Lifestream is providing qualified registered nurses to perform this service in addition also the personnel; Lifestream is providing and maintaining their own equipment, supplies and disposables for the performance of the Apheresis Services. In addition, Lifestream maintains their own equipment in compliance with all applicable laws and rules relating to licensure, certification and accreditation including, but not limited to those of the State of California, those necessary to participate in the Medicare and Medi-Cal programs under title XVIII and Title XIX, respective, of the Social Security Act and those required by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), and College of American Pathologist (CAP). Most vendors do not have their own equipment and supplies and rely strictly on the Hospital to provide them with the equipment and supplies and rely that the hospital provides the maintenance on the equipment. No other vendor is able to provide and maintain their own equipment. In addition, no other vendor has all of these credentials. FAR 6.302-1 Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

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

Apheresis patients suffer from a condition that require immediate patient care are considered emergency medical procedures which requires a contractor to be on the premises to perform the services within 2 hours of the initial contact from the medical center. Due to the urgent nature of these emergency medical procedures, and with Blood Bank of San Bernardino DBA: Lifestream being the only vendor with the capability to successfully fulfill requirement within that two hour timeframe, it is in the best interest of the Government to sole source the requirement.

VAAR 873.104 Competition requirements.

(a) Without regard to FAR Part 6, if the health-care resource required is a commercial service, the use of medical equipment or space, or research, and is to be acquired from an institution affiliated with the Department in accordance with section 7302 of title 38 U.S.C., including medical practice groups and other approved entities associated with affiliated institutions (entities will be approved if determined legally to be associated with affiliated institutions), or from blood banks, organ banks, or research centers, the resource may be acquired on a sole source basis. (38 U.S.C. 8153)

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

A Sources Sought Notice was posted on the Fed Biz Ops website and there were no responses were received. An internet search for all vendors operating under NAICS Code 621991 (Blood and Organ Banks) was performed, and it returned over several entries for vendors operating under that NAICS code in the state of California however, none of these vendors were service disabled veteran owned small business, veteran owned small business, 8(a), or hub zone. The only large businesses were found during the search that offers this type of service. The Government was unable to find vendors that provide similar services using GSA, VA NAC and federal supply schedules. In addition, a search of VETBIZ for Service Disable/Veteran Owned Small Businesses for NAICS code 621991 returned three results however; none of the vendors are located in California. The incumbent vendor, Blood Bank of San Bernardino DBA: Lifestream has performed this service for the VISN 22 Loma Linda veteran healthcare system, for over twenty five years. Blood Bank of San Bernardino DBA: Lifestream is the only viable option in San Bernardino County that provides Therapeutic Apheresis services.

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. Note: COs are required to make a determination of price reasonableness IAW FAR 13.106-3. See the Commercial Supply and Service SOP for Price Reasonableness templates.*

Signature: 

Date: 12/29/2013

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Title: CO

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