

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:
541-16-1-775-0353

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
\$99,103.50

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Cleveland Medical Center (CLEVAMC), Pathology Service has a requirement for a Flu Reagents. These cartridges are ran on a GeneXpert system and are used to detect influenza.

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

The GeneXpert is only compatible with the Cepheid cartridges. Currently, the department uses the GeneXpert which calls for these specific cartridges. Some characteristics on this system are as follows: The sample process is fully automated and integrated with an automated real-time PCR system. Contributes to ease of use, productivity, reproducibility and reduced turn-around time; Simplicity and ease of use for true employability and sustainability. Batching is not required to achieve either operational efficiency or cost savings; Allows true 24/7 results; Random access capability; Closed System; Does not require separately processed controls with each run; Utilizes primarily freeze dried reagent technology vs. liquid reagents; and LIS capability.

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

Cepheid is the only distributor for these reagents at this time.

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

The NAC, GSA and internet were researched to no avail of this product with any other contractor.

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.*

Signature: _____
Name: Asril Yusuf
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: NCO 10

Date: 12/30/15