

**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.

**1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:**

VA251-16-AP-1534

**1A. PROJECT/TASK**

No. N/A

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$3,646.55

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

The Biomedical Engineering Service at the Richard L Roudebush VA Medical Center, located at 1481 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-2803 requires repair services for a Maquet Medical Systems manufactured Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump (IABP), Model CS300 (SN#: SI187172A1) to replace a pressure transducer that has failed on the unit, making it inoperable.

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

The original equipment manufacturer (OEM), Maquet Medical Systems, 45 Barbour Pond Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470-2094 (DUNS# 830895319), is the only source for the required part as the company maintains proprietary rights over the system requiring repair. Without the use of the OEM, service could not be provided to ensure the IABP would remain functioning to manufacturer standards. Maquet Medical Systems also has proprietary software needed to validate the functions and calibration of the equipment after repair to bring the equipment back to OEM operating standards. Furthermore, Maquet does not authorize third party contractors to maintain or repair Maquet manufactured equipment, leaving them as the only source available for this work.

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

The Maquet Medical Systems IABP needs to be serviced by the OEM due to the contractor having proprietary information and parts only available to them. Without the use of the OEM, service could not be provided to ensure the IABP would remain functioning to manufacturer standards. Failure of having the system operating within OEM verified standards could cause the system to malfunction, which has the high potential to harm patients should the system fail to perform at OEM standards during high-risk operations. Furthermore, Maquet Medical Systems is the only contractor capable of certifying the system back to operational status.

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

Market research was not conducted due to the fact Maquet Medical Systems is the OEM and only source that can provide service repair on the critical balloon pumps. They are the only contractor that has the proprietary information and can certify that working condition of the balloon pumps for use.

**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.

**Signature:**

**Name: Jared Tritle, Contracting Officer**  
**Network 11 Contracting Office**