

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:
VA69D-16-AP-1605

1A. PR NO.
556-16-2-2993-0074

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
\$30,433.85

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

Sterile Tube Welder that is utilized to join two plastic tubes together to create a water tight weld, in a sterile fashion. The Sterile Tube Welder will be used to weld the blood bag tubing to the glycerilization kit tubing to add glycerin to the red blood cells, to protect them during the freezing process.

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

Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) has been using the GenesisBPS Sterile Tube Welders for many years. They currently have two TCD's that are at the end of their lifecycle. VHA Directive 2009-031 requires standardization. When compatibility of new equipment is required by existing equipment, only the compatible equipment can be obtained. It would not be cost effective for the government to replace all existing GenesisBPS TCD's for the sole purpose of purchasing a different brand of equipment, which would also exhaust a lot of time for re-training, re-writing validation plans and SOP's, and FHCC is monitored by the FDA and the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), this also takes time for the new equipment to be approved for use by these agencies. It would also not be in the best interest of the government to maintain two different Sterile Tube Welders, as this leaves room for confusion and error. Purchasing the standardized equipment allows staff to be better attentive to patient care. FHCC has had tremendous success using the GenesisBPS TCD's for welding the blood bag tubing to the glycerilization kit tubing to add glycerin to the red blood cells, to protect them during the freezing process. It is in the best interest of FHCC and the Veterans we care for, to continue using this specific product.

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

The GenesisBPS Total Containment Device (TCD) is manufactured and sold directly by GenesisBPS, no distributors.

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

Ability One website search was conducted; Ability One does not provide the required product.

UNICOR website search was conducted; UNICOR does not provide the required product.

NAC search conducted, resulting in no NAC contracts providing the requirement.

GSA schedule search was performed. Search resulted in no GSA vendors providing the requirement under a GSA contract.

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: _____

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