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:	**1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER**	**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**
544-16-2-210-0022		**$53427.60**

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: **The intended service is to provide comprehensive maintenance services for the Leica SP8 laser-scanning confocal microscope use by WJB Dorn VAMC Research and Development. This equipment is utilized by VA researcher to produce 3-dimensional images of microscopic structures in animal cell models of human diseases.**

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

Vendor is the developer and sole distributor of this equipment, original equipment manufacturer (OEM). To date Leica Microsystems has not allowed any other organization or person (with exception of its own employees) to be trained and certified on for service and repair.

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

This is a highly specialized and sophisticated computer controlled machine, requiring specialized training and knowledge to diagnose and repair any problems that occur. Leica uses a unique design that is not similar to other confocal microscopes. No other entity with the exception of Leica Microsystems makes parts for this piece of equipment.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: **An individual component web search done via www.google.com, FBO.gov revealed no other sources were available. Leica Microsystems is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).**

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.*

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Name: **Millicent R. Ball**
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