

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: 607-16-2-6175-0060	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER N/A	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$28,968.80 for a base period and 3 option years
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: Lab Animal Resources (LAR) facility in the WIMR of the University of Wisconsin to provide animal care, housing, and any necessary veterinarian procedures on the animals for the following PI (principal investigators): Dr. Vemuganti's VA grant entitled "Role of alpha synuclein and microRNA 7a in post-stroke brain damage'.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: University of Wisconsin is an affiliate institution of the William S Middleton VA Hospital in Madison, WI. Pursuant to 38 USC 8153(a)(3)(A), "[i]f 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 this title, including medical practice groups and other entities associated with affiliated institutions, blood banks, organ banks, or research centers, the Secretary may make arrangements for acquisition of the resource without regard to any law or regulation (including any Executive order, circular, or other administrative policy) that would otherwise require the use of competitive procedures for acquiring the resource."

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: The WIMR, level one animal facility, is well equipped with housing space and trained personnel to fulfill the above functions. The facilities are designed to house animals in specific Pathogen-Free (SPF) environment with proper hygiene and care according the approved IACUC and relevant research committee's guideline that will also ensure the execution of appropriate veterinary care plan, including quarterly health assessment by serological testing and parasite examination, daily examination for evidence of illness, investigation of unexpected illnesses, and pathological analysis of suspicious deaths.

The UW animal facility will provide adequate space for rats and mice, and care services (as described above), trained personnel for general care, veterinary technician staff, and DVMs with experience and training in research animal care.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: This procurement is proceeding pursuant to 38USC 8153(a)(3)(A), market research was completed for cost reasonableness determination only. Similar services were previously purchased under contracts VA69D-13-C-0191 and VA69D-14-D-0344.

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: Ashley Johnson
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: Great Lakes Acquisition Center, NCO 12

Date: _____