

**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:**

[REDACTED]

**1A. PROJECT/TASK**

No. N/A

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

[REDACTED]

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

The VAPAHCS is requesting surgical detection systems to be used in multiple operating rooms. The surgical detection system has the capability to assist physicians by accounting for different types of surgical items during an operation. The surgical items can be detected with the system scanning devices ensuring that no items are accidentally left within a patient during surgery.

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

The requested surgical detection system is manufactured by RF Surgical Systems, Inc. The system has unique capabilities that includes a motion-based hand-held scanning device to detect surgical items, a motion-free scanning device with dual-3D, scanning function without using a hand-held device up to a minimum of 16", scanning range for the surgery area, scanning function for a patient's torso, head, neck, and spine, and confirmation function for surgical items accountability.

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

No other sources were located that could provide a surgical detection system with all the unique capabilities listed above in section 3.

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

A Presolicitation Notice (VA261-16-N-0564) was posted on FBO.gov indicating the intent for the VAPAHCS to enter into a sole source agreement with RF Surgical Systems, Inc. for this requirement. All interested vendors were encouraged to contact the contract specialist if they felt they could meet the requirement with a potential equal product. No responses were received by any additional interested vendors claiming that they could provide an equal product.

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