

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3.5K) 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:
VA258-16-AP-2258

1A. PROJECT/TASK No.

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
\$51,727.00

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: Automated Slide Preparation Unit for the Amarillo VA Health Care System (AVAHCS) Laboratory Service. To process and prepare specimen samples, such as pap smears, and place the samples on slides for viewing. This equipment will aid the AVAHCS in diagnostic services without the need for off-site processing.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: Market Research was conducted in accordance with FAR Part 10. FSS schedule 66 – Scientific Equipment and Services; category 66 141 – Miscellaneous Laboratory Equipment to include Laboratory Baths, Freeze Drying Apparatus, Tissue Grinding, Processing, Cell Disruption Apparatus, Waste Recovery Systems, Laboratory Pumps, Ware Washers, Dryers, Laboratory Ovens and Furnaces, has been identified. The schedule category 66 141 contains seventeen (17) contractors; all of which were contacted concerning the government's need. A total of nine (9) contractors responded to the inquiry, all of which could not meet the government's minimum requirements. It is the opinion of the Contracting Officer that GSA is unable to satisfy the government's minimum needs.

A sources sought notice was posted to FedBizOpps from 04/25/2016 to 04/29/2016. Zero (0) responses were received from industry as a result of the sources sought notice.

In order to show due diligence, the Internet was searched for equipment equivalent to the requested Hologic ThinPrep system. Researched revealed two (2) FDA approved Automated Slide Preparation Units, of this type. The manufacturer Hologic was identified as manufacturing the ThinPrep, and the manufacturer TriPath, Inc. was identified as manufacturing the SurePath. It is unclear whether the SurePath unit can produce multiple types of slide samples, or only pap smear slide samples. Therefore, TriPath, Inc. regional sales representative Charles (Chuck) McCandless was contacted. Calls were made on multiple occasions and voice messages were left requesting return contact. To date no communication has been received from TriPath, Inc.

With no interest from GSA contractors, TriPath, Inc., or any other source, the government intends to move forward with award to Hologic Limited Partnership for the ThinPrep T2000 system.

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

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5. 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. See the Commercial Supply and Service SOP for Price Reasonableness templates.*

Signature: Michael J. Tusinger Date: 05/23/2016
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