

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: 678-16-3-063-1592	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER N/A	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$134,540.00
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: (BRAND NAME ONLY)

The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) located at 3601 S. 6th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85723, has a requirement to procure the Centurion Active FMS Cassette for a new Alcon Laboratories, Inc., specialized piece of equipment (Alcon Vision System: catalog number 8065751763). This piece of equipment requires and can only use the CENTURION ACTIVE FMS CASSETTE (6/BX) ITEM NUMBER 8065752201. With the increase in surgeries, it is necessary to procure these disposable items on a monthly recurring basis.

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

SAVAHCS recently purchased a particular Alcon Vision System catalog number 8065751763. This specialized piece of equipment can only use Centurion Active Cassette's item number 8065752201. Therefore, this is the reason why these disposable units that the machine uses shall be procured brand name only. Since the CENTURION ACTIVE FMS CASSETTE (6/BX) ITEM NUMBER 8065752201 is the only compatible item that can be used with the new equipment being used at SAVAHCS, these shall be procured from the manufacturer or an authorized distributor.

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

These shall be procured brand name only. CENTURION ACTIVE FMS CASSETTE (6/BX) ITEM NUMBER 8065752201 is the only compatible item that can be used with the Alcon Vision System equipment currently being used at SAVAHCS.

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

Alcon Laboratories, Inc. was contacted directly and provided in writing that their warranties and product guarantees are authorized and certified through O.R. Elder Inc. which is one of their authorized dealers. Searches for contractors that may carry this specialized product was conducted by looking at the FSS/NAC/GSA/FEDBIZOPS/VETBIZ.GOV, as well as, contract schedules to include contacting Alcon to find other sources of supply. Market Research shows that O.R. Elder Inc. and Alcon Laboratories, Inc. can both compete for this requirement on a brand name only basis.

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: David C. Thiel
 Title: Contracting Officer
 Facility: SAVAHCS

Date: 30 JUN 16