

**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:**  
VA69D-16-AP-6442

**1A. PROJECT/TASK No.**  
607-16-4-969-0290

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**  
\$31,911.75

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

The Operating Room at the William S. Middleton MVH in Madison, WI requires nine Olympus, brand name only, Cystoscopes.

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

VHA Directive 2009-031 requires SPS to standardize the purchase of instruments and to replace the instruments not standardized. Failure to standardize instruments can result in patient/staff injury related to improper reprocessing errors. Reprocessing errors have resulted in thousands of VA patients being notified for potential exposure to HIV, Hepatitis C and other infectious diseases.

The urology service is working on the backlog of surgical procedures and the service continues to grow. As such, they have been given an extra day to schedule cases and on Fridays they are given two rooms with two attending staff. Frequently, there are 8-10 cases between the two rooms that require the use of cystoscopes. The William S. Middleton MVH has six complete sets of the cystoscope lenses, but often have one or two lenses out for repair. The SPS department is unable to reprocess the lenses for all the scheduled cases because the lenses have a three-hour reprocess time so they are often left having to emergently borrow from the UW. Emergently borrowing from the UW is less than ideal because they never know if the lenses will be available due to UW's case load and/or UW's lenses being sent out for repair. Lenses typically have a 5-7 year life span and most of the current stock are coming due to expected end of life.

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

Ability One website search was conducted; Ability One does not provide the requirement.

VetBiz website was searched utilizing the NAICS: 339112 and the keyword "Olympus" resulted in no SDVOSB's or VOSB's who may be able to fulfill the requirement:

GSA / NAC search conducted, resulting in one NAC vendor who may be capable of providing the requirement:

- OLYMPUS AMERICA, INC. – V797P-2065D – Large Business.

Communications with Olympus America, Incorporated and Small Business Liaison revealed two SDVOSB distributors capable of providing requirement:

- a2z Supply Corp. – SDVOSB.
- Alliant Enterprises, LLC. – SDVOSB.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** Thomas H. Chesak – Contracting Officer NCO-12