

**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:**

VA263-16-AP-5261

**1A. PROJECT/TASK**

No. NA

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$82,982.00

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

VISN Biomed is requesting a firm fixed priced delivery order off contract V797D-40196 for additional and replacement Stryker power surgical tools to be used in the Orthopedics, Ear Nose & Throat, and Podiatry surgical departments at the Des Moines VA.

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

An initial purchase of Stryker surgical tools for the Orthopedics, Ear Nose & Throat, and Podiatry surgical departments in 2011 at the Des Moines VA was to initiate standardization. This standard was meant to reduce the turn-around time for SPS, allow surgeons to complete multiple daily procedures with same tools (to reduce error rate), negate compatibility issues with in place surgical power tools and reduce the overall patient safety risks. This procurement is to continue with the standardization set forth by the station. The items requested are manufactured by Stryker Surgical and are not available through distributors. The Stryker surgical power tools have coupling aspects that are manufacturer specific. Purchasing non-conforming surgical tool would require a coupling device to be compatible with onsite systems. The prospect of obtaining non-Stryker surgical power tools would represent a compatibility issue and lower the quality of patient care. Surgeons would need to train and become familiar with new tools, while SPS would need to establish new guidelines.

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

Online searches revealed Stryker Surgical is the only vendor able to provide the requested items. Stryker sales department confirmed there are no small business distributors for the requested items. Non-Manufacturer rule applies.

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

Date: 08.10.16 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: SARAH BARNES \_\_\_\_\_

Title: CONTRACTING OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ NCO: 23 \_\_\_\_\_