

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: VA258-16-AP-4403/ 501-17-1-085-0013	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$386,435.00
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:

The proposed action is for a one year contract (Period of Performance: October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017) under Cepheid Contract Number: V797P-5967x. The New Mexico VA Health Care System Pathology & Laboratory Medical Service (P&LMS) owns a Cepheid GeneXpert, System Module DX and must have the ability to purchase Cepheid Reagents to perform MRSA, flu and C Diff testing on the analyzer.

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

The system is used to perform Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus, C Difficile, Influenza A\B, Carba-R, and GC/Chlamydia testing. This required reagent/supplies, etc., are proprietary to Cepheid, and no other product may be used as this system is an FDA approved system. Policies, procedures, and staff training have all taken place on these instruments, and removal of these instruments at this time would negatively impact the lab's and ACBOC's ability to provide quality, timely care to its Veteran Patients.

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

This required reagent/supplies, etc., are proprietary to Cepheid, and no other product may be used as this system is an FDA approved system. Policies, procedures, and staff training have all taken place on these instruments, and removal of these instruments at this time would negatively impact the lab's and ACBOC's ability to provide quality, timely care to its Veteran patients.

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

Ken Gordon, Senior Director of Corporate Accounts at Cepheid confirmed that these reagents are the only reagents for the Cepheid GeneXpert. Mr. Gordon also confirmed that Cepheid is the sole manufacturer and only authorized distributor of these items for the Veterans Health Care System

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: _____ Date: 09/19/2016
Name: JohanneGingras
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: NCO 18 - Phoenix Contracting