

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. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:
VA248-16-AP-8638/546-16-3-586-1138

1A. PROJECT/TASK
No. NONE

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
\$96,840.00

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

Becton Dickinson Model-Bactec FX SN: FT3062 and FB2632 equipment services. This equipment is located in Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service. The intended use of the equipment is to conduct medical diagnostics for Veteran beneficiaries serviced at the Miami VA healthcare System. Base plus four (4) options total estimated value \$96,840.00.

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

The equipment is proprietary to Becton Dickinson & Company (BD). The original equipment manufacturer (OEM) BD is the only firm with the trained technicians and access to non-gray market parts that can service this equipment for the proper certification, calibrations. Previously a task order was issued VA248-15-F-1075 in the amount of \$19,638.00 from 09/28/2015 to 09/27/2016. This contract previously contained an approved JOFOC citing proprietary equipment services. This order can also be used to determine price reasonableness.

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

Confirmation was received from a representative from BD (Vicki Kane 410-316-3439) stating the BD FX instrument is manufactured by and serviced solely by BD. Any attempt to service the BD FX instruments by any other entity other than BD will void any and all warranties implied or interpreted. BD is the only firm capable of providing certification and calibration to the equipment.

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

Efforts were made to identify potential sources to ensure competition to the maximum extent practical via the internet, phone, and in person. Until other companies become authorized to service BD manufactured equipment it will remain a sole source requirement.