

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3.5K) BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE SAT (\$150K))**

IAW FAR 13.104, 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 FAR 13.106-1(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 FAR 13.106-3(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 FAR 13.106-3(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:
659-17-1-177-0010

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
No.**

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
BASE YEAR= \$52,875.36
BASE+OPTION= \$105,750.72

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

This is a request for full support and maintenance service for proprietary BENCHMARK SPECIAL STAINS STAINER MODULE, BENCHMARK XT MODULE and SYMPHONY STAINING PLATFORM with one (1) option year. The stainers are currently located at the Salisbury VAMC and are used on a daily basis to perform critical diagnostic and staining for tissue samples. These stainers need to be fully maintained and operational to handle the patient caseloads. This is a firm fixed price contract for base + 1 Option Year: 10/01/2016 – 9/30/2018.

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

Due to safety requirements the original equipment manufacturer, (OEM) specifications must be followed to ensure equipment operates in the most efficient capacity. The OEM repair parts are proprietary to ROCHE Diagnostics Systems Inc. only, and are required to perform the support and maintenance services. To deviate from OEM's recommendations for support and maintenance, can damage and have wrong analysis for the veteran's tissue samples. These three units valued at \$234,100.00 and can incur potential additional expenses to the Government. ROCHE has OEM trained and certified technicians and system engineers specialized to work on this equipment. They also have the manpower available to meet the high percentage of uptime required by the clinic. A sole source letter was provided by ROCHE.

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

IAW FAR 6.302-1, Only One Responsible Source can satisfy the agency needs in providing the maintenance required for the tissue staining technology.

Market Research was done through FPDS and results showed recent open market sole source procurement VA25016P2171 was done on 8-31-16 from contracting office 583-INDIANAPOLIS (00583). Previous procurement FY16 for Salisbury VAMC is VA246-15-P-8607/659-C60084 sole source. The requirements for the upgrades and maintenance of the stainers will assist the VA Medical Center to provide continuous quality care to patients for future clinical procedures. Using proprietary software and maintenance tools that the manufacturer offers will enhance the services provided to the Lab. ROCHE Diagnostics Systems Inc. can provide the needed service.

Chapter VI: Other Than Full and Open Competition (OFOC) SOP
Attachment 4: Single Source Justification for SAP under \$150K

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.*

Melisha Evans 413046

Signature: _____

Name: Melisha Evans
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: NCO 6

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7. NCM/PCM DESIGNEE (Required \$3K and above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



Name: Jay James, Branch Chief Supply 4
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: NCO 6

 9/12/16
Date