

**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:**

[REDACTED]

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

**1B.**

[REDACTED]

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

CASMED Fore-Sight Elite Tissue Oximeter Monitor and accessories.

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

Philadelphia VAMC requests brand name Fore-Sight Elite Tissue Oximeter monitor and associated equipment for use. The Fore-Sight Elite oximeter line is the only system for tissue parameters that is specific to the surgical unit's needs; other brands and oximeters may be cerebral, like the BIS equipment, but they are not for the surgical brain function output required for beach-chair surgical cases. Additionally, the purchase of brand name equipment is necessary to ensure continuity for staff members who have been trained in the existing equipment.

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

Requesting service conducted market research and received an informal quote from the manufacturer, a large business.

The CO conducted research in the VIP database (searches for "CASMED" and "Fore-sight") and found one SDVOSB ; CO followed up with this SDVOSB and confirmed they cannot provide this brand name equipment. The CO conducted research for the same search terms in SBA and got no results. Accordingly, the CO anticipates issuing an open market solicitation, sole sourced to the manufacturer.

**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.*

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