

**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.

<b>1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:</b> VA244-16-AP-7510	<b>1A. PROJECT/TASK No.</b>	<b>1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:</b> \$66,710.46
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**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:** The Lebanon VA Medical Center (LVAMC) has a brand name requirement for two (2) Olympus CV-190 EVIS EXERA III Video Systems and two (2) correlating Olympus CLV-190 EVIS EXERA III Light Source Units. These devices are utilized in Operating Rooms to provide video processing and a light source for advanced endoscopy. Both devices are manufactured by Olympus.

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:** Olympus is the proprietary manufacturer of the EVIS EXERA III platform, which makes Olympus the only vendor that can provide a compatible video processing system. Restricting competition to only those vendors capable of providing the Olympus EVIS EXERA III allows for standardization, compatibility with information infrastructure, and interoperability with existing equipment (e.g., endoscopes, existing video processing systems, etc.). The Olympus EVIS EXERA III components are compatible with all of the Olympus video processing systems, but not with other company's video processing systems. As such, the use of descriptions in the acquisition, limiting the acquisition to this peculiar manufacturer, is essential to the Government's requirements; thereby, precluding consideration of a product manufactured by another company.

**4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:** Not applicable, brand name only procurement.

**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:** Benjamin A. Grogg 452557  **Date:** 09/30/2016  
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