

**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: VA250-17-AP-0172	1A. PROJECT/TASK No. N/A	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$53,799.12
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
This is request for a firm-fixed price purchase order to ERA health, LLC 4428 Overton Crest Street, Fort Worth, TX PH; 866-771-7052 to provide 12 each of the Stent Micro Bypass Trabecular Right ref # GTS100R and 12 each of the Stent Micro Bypass Trabecular Left ref # GTS100L. The iStents are used in cataract eye surgery. The device reduces intraocular pressure in adult patients with mild to moderate open-angle glaucoma currently treated with ocular hypotensive medication. The period of performance is award date until delivery (not to exceed 1 day). These products are needed for surgery scheduled for October 7, 2016. Estimated cost is \$53,799.12

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:
The iStent is designed to increase the flow of fluid out of the eye. When properly implanted inside the eye, it creates a direct path for fluid to flow between the fluid-filled chamber of the front of the eye and the major collector channel that directs fluid out of the eye bypassing the meshwork of tissue through which the fluid normally flows. The iStent is the only FDA approved stent for use in patients with mild to moderate open-angle glaucoma. There are currently no suitable replacements.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:
The Trabecular iStents are made by Glaukos, but distributed and ordered from ERA Health, LLC. The FDA limits the distribution of these items and ERA Health, LLC is the only vendor that can provide these items.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:
Extensive market research has been performed. The following methods were used to conduct market research; searched GSA/FSS, searched FPDS, searched catalogs and other generally available product literature, searched previous purchases of similar/identical acquisitions, and searched the internet. No other vendor can provide the requested items and since these stents are new to the market and there are no other suitable replacements.

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. 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: _____

Date: _____

Name: Brooke Hansen

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