

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: VA258-16-AP-4856	1A. PROJECT/TASK No. VHA_807041	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: [REDACTED] Base Year + 4 Options [REDACTED]
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: Preventative Maintenance for one LI-CPR Odyssey Infrared System, CLX-0848

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

The Research Department uses a LI-COR Odyssey Infrared System for providing sensitive clear data used in ongoing research projects. This infrared system is a complex medical instrument costing \$55,153.63. The equipment is manufactured by LI-COR Biosciences. A search of medical equipment repairers and servicers, found that no contractors could perform the preventative maintenance needed for this piece of equipment. This equipment requires hardware and software upgrades that can only be provided by the manufacturer. Additionally, any replacement parts needed to be replaced at the time of service can only be provided by the manufacturer. The manufacturer has provided documentation that they do not share their proprietary information with other businesses except for their International Distributors. See P03_LSJ_ATTACHMENT_LICOR.PDF

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Researched and reviewed products on internet. Contacted OEM for propriority information. See P03_LSJ_ATTACHMENT_LiCor; P02_MR_Customer and P02_MR_Gov in contract file.

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](#).*

Customer Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: _____
[REDACTED] Budget Analyst	
Research COR [REDACTED]	
Signature: [REDACTED] Name: [REDACTED]	Date: _____

Title: Contracting Officer NCO:18