

**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:**  
[VA246-16-AP-6950](#)

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**  
[\\$105,621.60](#)

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

[Maintenance service agreement on GE MUSE Equipment for FY17](#)

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

[Maintenance service agreement is needed on MUSE cardiology data management equipment. This equipment manages the flow of cardiac information from the patient to ECG/EKG electrocardiography equipment and contains software which is proprietary. The equipment requires periodic preventative and routine maintenance, as well as software updates. Only the original equipment manufacturer \(OEM\) - GE Healthcare, is authorized to provide the maintenance and software updates.](#)

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

[GSA eBuy was checked to find out if GE Healthcare has a FSS contract. They do have contracts for medical equipment, as well as pharmaceuticals and drugs, but not for maintenance. A Sources Sought notice was posted on FedBizOpps on 10/19/16 to seek potential sources \(including Veteran-Owned businesses to comply with the Veterans First Program\) but there were no responses to the notice. GE Healthcare has provided a letter which states that they are the original manufacturer of the MUSE and software which is a proprietary product, and that they maintain the proprietary tools to perform maintenance service technologies relating to MUSE.](#)

**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.*

Signature:   
Name: Dori Dabbs  
Title: Contracting Officer NCO: 6

Date: 11/1/2016