

**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:** VA244-16-AP-6850; 2237#646-17-1-080-0022

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:** \$39,708

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

Hologic reagents, preservatives, test kits and slides for use with the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System existing Hologic ThinPrep 2000 Cytology Processor, that is in the Cytology processing laboratory.

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

It is essential to the Government to purchase the Hologic reagents, preservatives, test kits and slides, since the use of any other manufacturer's products would void the Warranty on the Department of Veterans's Affairs Hologic ThinPrep 2000 Cytology Processor, and other manufacturer products may not work as well, and may not fit the processor, thus causing damage, which is not covered by any existing service plan. (See email from Hologic (MA) LLC, dated 12/12/2016).

Only One Responsible Source. Hologic (MA) LLC, is the sole seller of the above products, that they manufacturer.

**4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:** A search of VetBiz using manufacturer name and NAIC Code 325413 showed no results. A search of GSA Advantage using the manufacturer name and product number 70205-001, showed no results. Hologic Limited Partnership has confirmed in writing, that they are the manufacturer and sole seller of the above listed products. The prices quote are comparable to the prices the VA has paid under a previous contract with Hologic LP (Contract# VA244-16-P-0670), and therefore deemed fair and reasonable.

Written confirmation was obtained from Hologic, Inc., that confirms the use of other manufacturer's supplies with the Hologic ThinPrep 2000 processor would void it's Warranty; that they do not have a FSS contract; and that they are the sole seller of their supplies. Prices quoted are comparable to what the VA previously paid under VA244-16-P-0670.

A Search of GSA Advantage did not have any results. A Search of Vetbiz showed no results.

Chapter VI: Other Than Full and Open Competition (OFOC) SOP  
Attachment 4: Single Source Justification for SAP under \$150K

**5. Requirements 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.*

Signature: FA Fusca (PAASCD)  
Name: Frank Fusca  
Title: SUPERVISOR

Date: 12/13/2016

Facility: VAPHS

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Ronald Mazzei  
Title: Contract Specialist/Contracting Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Director of Contracting/Designee/One Level above the Contracting Officer:** *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.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Edward A. Boddie  
Title: Branch Chief, Hybrid Team 1

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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