

**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:**  
VA260-17-AP-0662

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**  
\$39,568.50

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

The Jonathan Wainwright VA Medical Center in Walla Walla, WA, has a requirement for support and licensing of their Alere RALS software. This software connects the lab devices to VistA and is necessary for patient care and results reporting. The system is proprietary to Alere; however, market research was conducted to identify possible other sources of connectivity software.

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

The services required by the agency are available from only one responsible source. The Alere RALS®-Web3 Platform system is the only source for that can meet the needs of the service based on sole proprietary right as expressed by Alere. FAR 6.302-1 -- Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements under authority of 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(1) or 41 U.S.C. 3304(a)(1)

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

Research was then conducted by contacting the OEM – Alere Informatics, Inc. is the owner of the system and states that the RALS system is the only connectivity system that does direct to device communication and does not require additional firmware to function

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 12 December 2016  
**Name:** Thomas M. Ebenhoh  
**Title:** Contracting Officer **NCO:** 20