

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: VA249-16-AP-0578	1A. PROJECT/TASK No.	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$135,337.50
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
 FDA regulated Medical Devices and College of American Pathologists Inspected Clinical Laboratory Analyzers, On-site Preventive Maintenance Service, Telephone Support, Remote Troubleshooting of the Vitek 2 System.

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

The analyzers that is being requested for maintenance are used daily to make life saving diagnoses. The analyzers are FDA regulated medical devices and all parts and services must meet to OEM, Biomerieux, and specifications. Biomerieux, Inc. is the only one authorized to perform maintenance on its products. Biomerieux has no other agreements with vendors to service its products.

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

Market Research was conducted IAW FAR 10 with the recent ruling rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States, VetBiz was reviewed to identify all the possible SDVOSBs & VOSBs concerns. No sources were identified due to the proprietary nature of the equipment Biomerieux, Inc. is the only source capable of providing the requesting activity with the support coverage needed. Biomerieux, Inc. is the only one authorized to perform maintenance on its products.

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: _____
Name: Lori A Krohn
Title: Contracting Officer

Date: 12/9/2016
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