

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3K) 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. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER:

580-17-1-167-0030

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

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

The Vision 1321/1327 Cart and Utensil Washer/Disinfector is a high-capacity mechanical washer intended for use in the efficient cleaning, low-level disinfecting and drying of case carts, containers, utensils, beds and other miscellaneous reusable items used in the care of patients. Easy to load racks that optimize cleaning efficacy and convenient removable basket which makes loading retention filters easy. In addition, soiled, simple hard-surfaced rigid surgical instruments (e.g., forceps and clamps) are cleaned and intermediate-level-disinfected with a required option.

This is a Brand Name specific Acquisitions to match existing equipment and decrease need for additional training of personnel.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: We are currently utilizing this Steris Washer which is now outdated and the VA is inquiring the latest model which is more productive, the cycles are times or as fast as 10 minute processing more carts in less time provides guaranteed thermal disinfection and enhanced drying system allows faster drying time. The machine is more intuitive with easy to use control panel with single-touch icon buttons for easy cycle selection, cycle phase and time is visible across the room, convenient record keeping capabilities and smart technology-automatic sliding glass doors are easy to operate. And it is also more green which it provides the lowest water consumption per fill of any washer on the market, recycles 70% of water each cycle and 10 minutes cycles allow for low utility consumption. To acquire another brand would create substantial duplication of cost to the facility thru supplies and additional staff training and equipment needed for proper sterilization. The purchase of an equivalent product could cause further delays in patient care and increase the potential risk of staff error with equipment operational differences between systems and sterilization techniques. Compliance with VHA Directive 2009-031, equipment should be standardized when possible to ensure that set up, use and reprocessing are conducted properly. Compatibility with existing equipment and continuity of services precludes consideration of a product manufactured by another company.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:
Only One Responsible Source

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

Limited market research was conducted because Intuitive Surgical Instruments meet needs and are compatible with existing equipment. And continuity of services precludes consideration of a product manufactured by another company.

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.*

Signature:

Date:

Name: KEVER L SWAFFORD

Title: CONTRACT OFFICER

Facility: NCO 16/ DIV III SUP B