

**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:
558-17-1-044-0057

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

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
\$54,109.90

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 06, Durham VA Medical Center is requesting brand name only Thermo Scientific Excelsior AS Tissue Processor with line conditioner which runs rapid biopsy tissue.

This Processor internally measures the quality of the reagents, alerts when time to discard, requires less frequent discards, reduces exposure and risk of splashes, and reduces maintenance time by replacing one bottle of each reagent rather than all of them. There is no pouring, no mess, and no fumes.

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

The brand name Thermo Scientific Excelsior AS Tissue Processor is needed due to standardization and compatibility to the three existing Excelsior processors currently in use at the Durham VAMC.

IAW Public Law 100-322 (Title 38 United States Code, Chapter 81, Section 8125), It is VHA policy to standardize to the maximum extent possible the types and kinds of supplies and equipment it purchases, consistent with clinical and practitioner needs. Standardization is expected to facilitate best-value product pricing through volume purchasing and should facilitate the delivery of high-quality health care.

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

Market Research was done through past procurement history, FPDS, GSA, NAC, National Strategic Source, online, and VetBiz. Final results revealed two or more SDVOSB/VOSB. See all PO2 "market research" documents uploaded to contract file.

IAW Public Law 109-461 (38 U.S.C. 8127), the rule of two applies. This requirement will be competed open market set aside to SDVOSB.

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

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.*

Melisha Evans 413046


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Signature: _____

Name: Melisha Evans
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: NCO 6

Date _____

7. NCM/PCM DESIGNEE (Required \$3K and above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



Name: Jay James, Branch Chief Supply 4
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: NCO 6

Date _____

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