

**JUSTIFICATION FOR BRAND NAME ONLY 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. ACQUISITION PLAN  
ACTION ID:**

**1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER**

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

N/A

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

Karl Storz Endoscopy instruments (to be compatible with existing in use equipment) for sinus surgeries.

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

These instruments will be used for endoscopic sinus surgery in the operating room. It is proprietary technology and only authorized distributors are authorized to sell the products. The product is not interchangeable with any other equipment from other suppliers. It is a cost savings to add Karl Storz instruments to the already existing Karl Storz equipment, versus buying all new in a different brand whereas the VA already has the primary component of the parts for surgery. Another type of supply would need to be approved by supply for stocking purposes due to storage space issues. New equipment would require training to be conducted for the doctor and for the staff to ensure the sterilization processes and use are being conducted properly. Another brand would also require new disposables which is an additional cost to the government.

**4. SUGGESTED SOURCE INFORMATION (Contractor Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Telephone Number)**

Karl Storz Endoscopy-America, Inc.  
2151 E. Grand Avenue  
El Segundo, CA 90245  
800-421-0837

**5. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:**

Any authorized distributors of the required items are considered acceptable sources.

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

An inquiry to the manufacturer, Karl Storz, was done resulting in multiple authorized distributors being identified.

**7. REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATIONS:** I Certify That The Requirement Outlined In This Justification Is A Bona Fide Need Of The Department Of Veterans Affairs And That The Supporting Data Under My Cognizance, Which Are Included In The Justification, Are Accurate And Complete To The Best Of My Knowledge And Belief. (Signature should be program office, service chief...)

Date:

**J. Paige Mullinix, ST**  
**Operating Room Instr. Procurement Spec.**  
**Denver VAMC**

**8. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION: Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR 13.106-1(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.*

**9. DOC/DDOC/DESIGNEE (Required \$3K and above, up to \$150,000):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Signature:

Date:

Name: **Sarilynn Thomas**

Title: **Branch Chief**

Facility: **NCO 19, Supply 1 East**