

**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. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:**

VA250-17-AP-2147

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$69,900.00

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

Localized Temperature Therapy Units and Stands (Qty 40)

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

The Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital has the requirement for several Localized Temperature Therapy Units. The Micro-Temp LT units from Cincinnati Sub-Zero Products, LLC (CSZ) is known to meet this requirement. The Hines facility currently uses CSZ products which it purchased in 2007; it has since reached the end of its life cycle, is beyond repair, and some have been lost or stolen. Since the equipment is out of date, it has been deemed more expensive to repair than it is to purchase new units. In total, there is approximately 265 staff that has been trained to use CSZ equipment (237 RNs, 25 Central Supply Department staff, and 3 HTM/Biomedical Engineering staff). Re-training all staff is more than what the new equipment is priced (not including the price of the equipment itself). The facility also has spare parts in its inventory which it will be available for use should any existing and new equipment require them.

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

The Contract Specialist (CS) contacted the manufacturer of the requested equipment to determine if it has any authorized Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSBs) or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs) to fulfill the requirement. The manufacturer responded indicating that Veterans Healthcare Supply Solutions, Inc. (VHSS) – an SDVOSB – is authorized to distribute its products. Therefore, at least one SDVOSB exists, the "Rule of Two" for VOSBs/SDVOSBs is not met, and the procurement will not be set-aside for any type of small business.

It is determined this procurement will be fulfilled via open market sole source to Veterans Healthcare Supply Solutions, Inc. (DUNS: 964899483) utilizing the Veterans First Contracting Program IAW Public Law (PL) 109-461 which requires the Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase contracting and subcontracting opportunities for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses.

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

NAC MedSurg catalog, GSA Advantage! catalog, FPDS, correspondence with manufacturer and prospective contractors

**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. 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** Alea Barnes

**Title:** Branch Chief - Equipment

**NCO:** 12