

**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:**

VA244-17-AP-1423

**1A. PROJECT/TASK  
No.  
NONE**

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$25,567.00

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

We require a fully automated test system that can provide automated, high throughput **Chemiluminescent Immunoassay (CLIA)** testing for CMV, Lyme, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, VZV testing for use on patients and monitoring staff titers.

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

1. We require improved CLIA technology to provide higher throughput and increased sensitivity for lower analytic concentrations.
2. We required a fully automated analyzer able to run multiple tests at one time, as opposed to running 1 assay at a time, for improved patient result turnaround times.
3. The selected vendor must be able to provide an analyzer that possesses random access capabilities for all of our infectious disease testing.
4. The selected vendor must provide computer software that can track QC trends due to the CLIA use of calibration curves.
5. The selected vendor's analyzer must be able to Hold up to 15 reagents on board at the same time and has a database backup and which retains both patient and QC data.
6. *DiaSorin is the only vendor that can provide a combo IgG/IgM Lyme test while also performing the other six required tests.*
7. *Dia Sorin is the only vendor that is able to provide a fully automated analyzer along with CLIA technology.*

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

Both of the following companies were contacted:

DiaSorin, Inc. Jennifer Burke 1951 Northwestern Ave. Stillwater, MN 55082 <tel:716-392-3827>

Biomerieux, Inc. Brant Mack 100 Rodolphe St, Durham, NC, 27712 [tel: 412-719-9440](tel:412-719-9440)

Biomerieux was not selected or able to compete because they do not have a fully automated FDA approved system as of yet. In addition, Biomerieux cannot provide Lyme IgG/IgM complex testing on a combination panel. Biomerieux requires 2 separate kits to be purchased in order to run Lyme screens. This results in significant additional work and double the costs.

\*\*\*CO conducted additional market Research to no avail. Diasorin does not distribute their product to any Small Business vendors of any type. The only other source is through Cardinal Health.\*\*\*

**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.*

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**Signature:** KLINE 152627  
**Name: Ronald Kline**  
**Title: Contracting Officer**

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