

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:

VA249-17-AP-3211

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

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$41,873.43

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

This is a brand name justification to purchase an ERBE Argon Plasma Coagulator. This unit will enable the Interventional Pulmonologist & GI Endoscopy to be able to stop bleeding in the bronchial airways & GI tract, saving the patient from invasive surgery and will keep the care here at the Medical Center, thus saving Fee Out costs.

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

The Medical Procedure Unit for which this equipment is being requested currently has 3 ERBE cautery units in three procedure rooms. For patient safety reasons, it is important that we equip the fourth procedure room with the same equipment for standardization purposes in order to minimize the risk of patient injury. The procedure teams move from room to room and it is important that the equipment be the same in each room to avoid errors in settings, etc. If the medical center were to purchase a different brand cautery unit, the facility would also have to purchase and stock different consumable products. From the perspective of Biomed, we also have specific test equipment and training to test our existing units. Introducing an alternate product creates the need to solicit new test equipment and technical training.

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

A solicitation will be issued on GSA under SIN 65IIA/A41. This product is currently not available through a mandatory source or a prime vendor contract.

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.*

Signature: _____

Date: 3/7/2017

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