

**JUSTIFICATION FOR BRAND NAME AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1(b)(ii)**  
(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.

<b>1. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER:</b>  761-17-2-014-0118	<b>1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER</b>	<b>1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:</b>  Total Procurement: \$xxx,xxx.xx
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**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**

**BRAND NAME CATHERIZATION SET PRODUCT**

**Line Item 3:** Medtronic Minimed quick-set 6mm cannula 32"  
PC MMT-387  
**Quantity:** 240  
**Use:** For patients diagnosed with diabetes.  
**Manufacturer:** Medtronic

**Line Item 4:** Reservoir 3.0 syringe for Paradigm  
PC- MMT-332A  
**Quantity:** 860  
**Use:** For patients diagnosed with diabetes.  
**Manufacturer:** Medtronic

**Line Item 6:** One Touch Ultra Blue test strips  
PC- 53885024510  
**Quantity:** 144  
**Use:** For patients diagnosed with diabetes.  
**Manufacturer:** LifeScan

**Line Item 7:** Set infusion, Animas Comfort 43" 17 mm  
PC- 006-00  
**Quantity:** 60  
**Use:** For patients diagnosed with diabetes.  
**Manufacturer:** ANIMAS

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

Within the VHA brand name items may be prescribed by physicians when, in their clinical judgment, the brand name item will provide a better therapeutic outcome for patients. The brand name of the product is in the CMOP print name. Pharmacists legally have to fill the prescription as written.

VA Physicians specifically prescribed these Products for patients. Pharmacy employees do not have the training and/or authority to countermand physician orders. "Brand Specific" products are the same thing as "dispense as written" on a physician prescription. NDC substitutions are not permitted. In the VA, Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) has determined that CMOP IDs in the National Drug File (NDF) will most always identify "brand specific" products in the VA PRINT NAME. This is not always inclusive where a particular NDC has been determined to be "formulation specific" by clinical evaluation performed by the PBM or in the case where only one product was recommended.

**Line Item 3:** The Medtronic Minimed quick-set 6mm cannula 32" is specific to the description, which was prescribed by the physician. The set provides optimal insertion every time, disconnects at the infusion site, and offers a safe needle disposal system. This product is used for patients diagnosed with diabetes.

**Line Item 4:** The Reservoir 3.0 syringe for Paradigm is specific to the description, which was prescribed by the physician. The reservoir can be used with all MiniMed paradigm 7xx insulin pumps, its reservoir holds up to 3.0 ml of insulin, and provides a secure connection. This product is used for patients diagnosed with diabetes.

**Line Item 6:** The One Touch Ultra Blue test strips box is specific to the description, which was prescribed by the physician. The test strip provides results in 5 seconds, requires a minimal amount of blood and it can be used with One Touch Ultra, One Touch Ultra Smart, and InDuo Meters. This product is used for patients diagnosed with diabetes.

**Line Item 7:** The Set infusion, Animas Comfort 43" 17 mm is specific to the description, which was prescribed by the physician. The set inserts at an adjustable range of 10 to 45 degrees, includes a disconnect feature at site, and has a clear window to view site. This product is used for patients diagnosed with diabetes.

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

**NAC, FSS, and GSA Advantage were searched: no contract items were found.**

**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.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_