

**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:**

VA255-17-AP-3597 / 589-17-2-1792-0051

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$37,048.00

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

Obtain Pyxis Automated Dispensing Cabinet (ADC) and Smart Remote Manager fridge attachment. The ADC is used to secure medications & vaccinations. The Smart Remote Manager is a fridge attachment used to record the fridge temperatures and excursions, as well as secure medications until the Pyxis unlocks the unit to dispense medications. The Pyxis utilizes a 2 part authentication to ensure only appropriate staff are able to access and retrieve medications. The procurement also includes 1 year support for the MedStation and Smart Remote Manager until the new equipment can be amended into the existing support contract (VA255-16-A-0056) .

1. Pyxis ES MedStation
2. Pyxis Smart Remote Manager
3. Installation and integration to existing server/system
4. 1 Year Support and maintenance

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

1. The Kansas City VAMC currently utilizes 62 Pyxis ES throughout the facility and its corresponding Community Based Outreach Clinics (CBOC) locations. The Devices range from medstations and auxilirie units to anesthesia carts, the cost to purchase something other than a Pyxis brand "Pyxis ES Medstation" and "Smart Remote Manager" would outweigh the benefit of implementing a new system into the Kansas City VAMC environment. The system was upgraded in 2014, with 62 units, @ a cost of \$261,856.00.
2. The Support for the Pyxis system is included in a VISN wide contract for all VISN 15 sites using Pyxis (VA255-16-A-0056), a vendor other than CareFusion would require an additional support contract to be established and maintained.
3. There are several systems throughout the Pharmacy that interface with the host system (Vista) and other forms of automation to streamline workflow and various complex processes. A vendor other than CareFusion would require a similar, yet separate, interface to be established. This would most likely require a bid and additional funds to implement.
4. In addition, several staff float among the CBOC locations and the introduction of a product other than Pyxis ES would require additional training and the revision of several policies and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) unique to a single CBOC.

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

- There are three SDVOSB vendors that is an Authorized Distributor of CAREFUSION.

**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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