

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:
[VA246-17-AP-8587](#)

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

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office 6, on behalf of the Durham VA Medical Center intends to enter into a procurement using other than full and open competition under purchase request (PR) number 558-17-2-074-4590. The PR is for Catheter and CATH lab supplies for the surgical service line.

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

The requested Johnson & Johnson catheters and supplies have long been utilized at the Durham VAMC for their cardio catheter laboratory procedures. The facility currently utilizes 3-D CARTO equipment (manufactured by Bioscience – a Johnson & Johnson company) which uses electromagnetic technology to create real time 3-dimension maps of cardiac structures. This allows the exact location to be pinpointed for insertion of a heart catheter. The catheters and requested supplies are specific to this equipment and any deviation in type or brand or could compromise patient safety.

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

Market research was conducted by checking the VA NAC National Contract site, GSA Advantage, and Med/Surg catalog. Three (3) line items for the catheters are on National contract VA119-16-A-0066. The remaining supplies are not. A search was also conducted on VIP website using NAICS code 339112 and keyword "catheter". The search yielded one (1) SDVOSB, Alliant Healthcare. I called them at 269-629-0300 and they are not an authorized distributor for Johnson & Johnson. Since the requested items are specific to cardio equipment being utilized by the Durham VAMC - a PO will be awarded to Johnson & Johnson using the authority of FAR 6.302-1- Only One Responsible Source. An Intent to Sole Source will be posted on FedBizOpps.

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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