

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)
(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.

1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:

VA69D-17-AP-4414

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

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$41,624.93

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

Ultrasonic Cleaning System

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

The Sterile Processing Service (SPS) at the Oscar G. Johnson VAMC has the requirement for a Steris Corporation Ultrasonic Cleaning System with a right-to-left workflow and sonic and drying chambers. The facility's current Ultrasonic Cleaning System is dated past its usable lifespan. The staff at the facility is trained on existing Steris equipment, and retraining 5 out of 5 staff on a new system of a different brand would take place while on-the-job while updating standard operating procedures to fit the new system. This would increase costs and take away attention to other important functions that support Veterans. Further, utilities that are currently installed would be a "direct connect" for new Steris equipment, negating the requirement for any potential modifications of existing hookups.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:

The Contracting Officer (CO) contacted the manufacturer (Steris Corporation) to determine if it has any authorized Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) that distributes its products. Steris replied with one, 1st American Medical Distributors, Inc. 1st American indicated it can provide pricing similar to that offered by Steris's NAC schedule.

It is determined this procurement will be fulfilled via open market sole source to 1st American Medical Distributors, Inc. (DUNS: 802239751) utilizing the Veterans First Contracting Program IAW Public Law (PL) 109-461 which requires the Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase contracting and subcontracting opportunities for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses.

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

NAC MedSurg catalog, correspondence with prospective contractor, procurement history.

6. 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:** _____

Name: Jim Hedman

Title: Contracting Officer **NCO:** 12