

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE 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 or a limited number of responsible sources for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold or . COs may solicit from one source, or limited type of supplies or services, 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 or brand name awards IAW [FAR13.106-3\(b\)\(3\)](#).

1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:

VA259-17-AP-8408

1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER

623-17-3-3184-0072

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: *Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 19, Network Contracting Office 19 (NCO19) in support of the Muskogee, Oklahoma medical center. The intended procurement will be and open market purchase for the brand name; FLEX-SC Flex Video Ureteroscope 8.5 FR X 67.5 CM channel 3.6FR ; Defl 270 degrees u and 270 degrees. Also requested is the sterilization case for use in the STERRAD, manufactured by Karl STORZ. This Ureteroscope equipment is for utilization in laser and stone surgery.*

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: *The Urology Department at the Muskogee VA Medical Center currently uses Karl STORZ Ureteroscopes do not function independently from the existing equipment. The Flex-SC Video Ureterscopes are consistent with all the other equipment on station and will work with all existing equipment without having to purchase additional equipment to make it work. The additional equipment necessary to support a different brand of uretroscope is approximately \$100,000. It will also require staff to have learn two different systems and appropriate application of each. The requested scopes will be in addition to existing Ureteroscopes and will not be replacements. Introducing another vendor's equipment would mean introducing another power unit to run the scope, additional consumables, another light source, biopsy forceps, and other supportive equipment would have to be purchased etc. All of the operating scopes in our inventory are Storz products and therefore must have the Storz video processors to be useful in the operative setting. The current SPIES Video processors are an important piece already in place for this system. These scopes are for direct visualization of the ureters into the kidneys, for stent placement and stone manipulation. It is compatible with currently used lasers at this facility. This particular ureteroscope is compatible with the recently purchased Storz SPIES processor.*

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: *The GSA/FSS Advantage website was searched and no ureteroscopes on that site met the requirements of this purchase request. A search of the VA/DOD Medical Product Data Base revealed the requested Karl STORZ ureteroscopes have been sold to the VA by service disabled Veteran-owned Small Business' in the past.*