

BRAND NAME ONLY

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-10906

1A. PROJECT/TASK No.

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

The Surgical Service line at the Kernersville Health Care Center (HCC) is requesting Brand Name ONLY- ACUFEX handheld surgical instruments. These instruments are manufactured by Smith & Nephew and are used in arthroscopy surgeries. The product code for this procurement is 6515, with a NAICS code of 339113.

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

The ACUFEX brand is being requested because this procurement is to expand existing inventory of the same brand. These instruments have a unique pinless hinge design (increased safety) and a proprietary sharpening process which allows ACUFEX cutting instruments to make clean scissor-like incisions to minimize tissue damage. This brand has a reputation for precision and maneuverability, as well as a low profile design needed for arthroscopic surgeries.

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

Market research was conducted by first checking GSA eLibrary and GSA Advatange to see if the requested instruments were on FSS contract; they were not found. VIP webpage was search using NAICS code 339113 and key words arthroscopic and arthroscopy; VIP listed no vendors. A Sources Sought notice was posted on FedBizOpps for 7 days (6/1/17 through 6/8/17). No VOSB or SDVOSB responded but there are two (2) small businesses that can supply these Smith & Nephew instruments. Therefore a solicitation with be posted as a small business set-aside.

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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