

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.

<b>1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:</b> 659-16-4-6049-0551	<b>1A. PROJECT/TASK No.</b>	<b>1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:</b> \$8974.30
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**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**

Request to solicit as Brand Name Only for Welch-Allyn CONNEX Wall Systems, with Masimo SpO2, SureTemp Plus, ThermoScan PRO, SureBP NIBP, MacroView Otoscope, PanOptic Ophthalmoscope, Wireless (wall-mounted vital signs monitors) for Charlotte HCC.

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

Weich-Allyn CONNEX systems are standardized through VISN 6 after a competitive solicitation in April, 2013 (VA246-13-F-3599). The current request is limited only by Brand Name, and a competitive SDVOSB set-aside is contemplated.

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

The Contracting Officer's market research showed the exact same requirement was acquired under solicitation VA24617Q1036 via Combined Synopsis/Solicitation dated May 15, 2017.

Per FAR 10.002 requirements, it is noted the requested items are customarily available in the commercial marketplace. Searches for the Brand Name product through Internet sources (FBO, FPDS, and VetBiz) indicate sufficient competition is available to support a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned 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.*

**Melisha Evans 413046**

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**Date**

**Name: Melisha Evans  
Title: Contracting Officer  
Facility: NCO 6**

**7. NCM/PCM DESIGNEE (Required \$3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

  
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**Name: Jay James, Branch Chief Supply 4  
Title: Contracting Officer  
Facility: NCO 6**

**Date**

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