

JUSTIFICATION FOR BRAND NAME 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\(b\)\(3\)](#). Note: Statements such as "only known source or manufacture " or "only source which can meet the required delivery date" are inadequate to support a sole source purchase.

1. ACQUISITION PLAN**ACTION ID:** VA259-17-AP-8656**1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER**

None

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

Stryker System 7 surgical power tools used for major orthopedic surgery, including joint repairs and replacements.

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

Stryker is the sole manufacturer of the Stryker System 7 orthopedic power tool set. The Muskogee is currently using the Stryker System 6 and has purchased the required accessories, including saw blades, drill bits, etc.

4. SUGGESTED MANUFACTURER INFORMATION (Contractor Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Telephone Number)

Stryker (Instruments division), 4100 E. Milham Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001; 844-795-4688

5. REASON THAT SUGGESTED MANUFACTURER IS THE ONLY BRAND, WHICH WILL MEET THE MINIMUM NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENT:

The Muskogee VAMC has the Stryker System 6 and all accessories. The accessories used with the System 6 are compatible with the System 7. Stryker's attachment system is proprietary and will not accept any other accessories such as the saw blades and drill bits. Purchasing a like item from a different manufacturer would require the VA to purchase that company's accessories and the Stryker accessories could not be used. Purchasing the same accessories from another manufacturer would create unnecessary costs to the VA.

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

Market research has found multiple authorized SDVOSB distributors of Stryker products.