

**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 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: VA259-17-AP-9391	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
The Salt Lake City Veterans Affairs Health Care System (SLCVAHHC) has a requirement for additional Stryker System 7 power tools. These power tools are a comprehensive group of surgical power tools for fine surgical procedures of small bone specialties, such as Ortho, ENT, and Podiatry. These additional power tools will support the increase in surgical patient services.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE BRAND, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:
This facility has recently replaced existing power tools with the System 7, these additional tools will support the opening of additional Operating Rooms, and support increasing demand for their use in providing the best care possible to our Veterans. No other Vendor can provide the same equivalent of these tools requested. Stryker is the sole source of these items and they cannot be procured from other distributors. Accordingly, Stryker is the sole manufacturer

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