

**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:**

VA242-17-AP-7666

**1A. PROJECT/TASK No.**

**630-17-2-4422-0140**

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$66,000.00

**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**

This requirement is a follow-on action to rent Arthrex Arthroscopic Cameras from the manufacturer, Arthrex, for a period of three months, at the VA New York Harbor Healthcare System, Brooklyn and St Albans campuses. This three-month rental is to give the NCO Supply team additional time to procure this equipment from the same manufacturer. The Arthrex tower is fundamental and necessary for open orthopedic surgical cases. Without it, the NYHHS Surgical department cannot do joint replacement or join revision surgery and cases would be delayed or canceled.

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

Arthrex equipment is used by local VA orthopedic surgeons at affiliated hospitals. Orthopedic specialists and their residents are already trained and familiar with this equipment. Arthrex is also the leading industry standard, offering an all-in-one Platform combining the light source and image processor while providing 4K UHD image resolution, 4x more refined than that of the typical 1080P HD found in the image processors of other leading brands. This equipment is currently leased by the VA New York Harbor Healthcare System Brooklyn and Manhattan campuses under purchase order VA242-17-P-1960, effective March 27, 2017 through June 26, 2017.

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

Arthrex is the only manufacturer to be used because of their advanced camera technology. Stryker was compared and did not offer anything near the package that Arthrex offers. Additionally, the price of the Stryker equipment was vastly more expensive than Arthrex and they were not willing to offer a rental option.

The VA Surgical team inquired via email of the major firms in the field, seeking information for Arthroscopy equipment. Stryker offered equipment comparable to that of Arthrex, but Stryker's arthroscopy equipment was higher priced, lesser quality technologically and did not offer the rental option. Stryker's inferior technology does not offer the all-in-one 4K imaging technology that Arthrex offers. Arthrex is also the leading industry standard, offering an all-in-one Platform, combining the light source and image processor while providing 4K UHD image resolution, 4x more refined than that of the typical 1080P HD found in the image processors of other leading brands.

This requirement cannot be supported by any SDVOSB/VOSB, FSS NAC or Ability One. Tattersall Supply, Inc. is a Woman-Owned Small Business, found in the SBA database, but they do not rent or lease the needed equipment. However, the needed equipment is already in use by way of lease with the manufacturer, so this action is to support a follow-on requirement.

**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.*

Signature: William B. Mills

Name: BRAD MILLS

Title: Contracting Officer NCO: 2

Date: 6/20/2017