

**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-8108

1A. PROJECT/TASK
 No. N/A

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

The objective of this requirement is to procure an orthopedic table trauma top for the existing Mizuho base for the Emergency Department at the Asheville VA Medical Center.

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

This is a brand name only acquisition IAW FAR 6.302-1. The Asheville VA Medical Center has a Mizuho OSI Jackson Table base that is no longer in use in the operating room. In order to utilize the base for the remainder of its useful life effectively and efficiently the Asheville VA Medical Center requires an attachment for hip fracture patients. The base and new attachment will be used in the emergency department specifically for those patients.

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

Market Research was performed by the Contract Specialist (CS) utilizing the World Wide Web, Google, GSA, FPDS, SAM, VIP and teleconferences with subject matter experts and verbal communications with industry. The Contract Specialist also queried the master list maintained by the Small Business Liaison for additional information. The Contract Specialist issued a Sources Sought Notice from June 8, 2017 through June 13, 2017. As a result of the Sources Sought Notice the Contract Specialist receive one (1) response from an interested Small Business capable of obtaining Mizuho attachments. The contractor is MEDwheels which is a Hubzone, Minority, and Woman Owned Small Business. The only other identified, interested party is the OEM, Mizuho Orthopedic Systems, Inc., a large business.

The Contract Specialist, in compliance with the Rule of Two, does not have an expectation that 2 or more of the verified SDVOSB's or small business concern's will respond to a solicitation and offer fair and reasonable pricing therefore this acquisition shall be unrestricted.