

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: VA263-17-AP-9046	1A. PROJECT/TASK No. 656-17-2-1003-0166	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$106,841.00
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: The desired instrumentation shall have the capability of performing or reporting the clinical parameters as defined in this statement of work. The instrument shall be able to simultaneously perform the testing as described below and meet the performance characteristics for accuracy and precision as defined by the 1988 Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) and the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI).

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: On 05/01/2017 Network Contracting Office (NCO) 23 awarded a VISN-Wide Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract for VITEK Reagent cards used in Lab Bacterial ID and Sensitivity Analyzers in order to gain a substantial savings on the consumable reagent cards. This requirement is for a LAB Bacterial ID and Sensitivity Analyzer which is compatible with current on-hand supplies and to take advantage of NCO 23's IDIQ contract for the consumable reagent cards, the facility requires the Biomerieux Vitek system.

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: The Contracting Officer researched GSA and found that some of the system was available on a GSA FSS contract. However, the only supplier on contract was the manufacturer (Biomerieux), a large company. The Contracting Officer then utilized the NAICS code in the VIP data base and emailed every firm listed in the database. None of the vendors from the VIP database indicated that they could supply this requirement. The Contracting Officer also contacted the manufacturer to determine if there were any VOSB or SDVOSB concerns that they distributed through. In fact, they indicated that they did not have any small business distributors at this time.

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: _____

Date: 07/12/2017

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