

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:

VA244-17-AP-5347

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

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$62,280.00

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

Ten (10) Olympus CYF-5 CystoNephro Fiberscopes and the WA03300A Light guide cables to replace the aging models currently used at the VAMC Philadelphia. These Fiberscopes are compatible with the Olympus CLK-4 light source; in addition the staff is trained on the usage and reprocessing of this equipment. The Olympus Fiberscopes are validated for the Sterrad NX Low Temperature Hydrogen Peroxide Sterilizers that are currently used within the facility.

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

No other manufacturer produces a Fiberscope that is completely compatible with the Olympus CLK-4 light source and the Sterrad NX Low Temperature Hydrogen Peroxide Sterilizers.

One vendor identified that Robert Wolf Fiberscopes can be used with Olympus CLK-4 light source via a reusable adaptor. However the reusable adaptor is not compatible with Olympus MU-1 automated leak tester and calls for a manual hand held leak tester.

As a result, the VA would be required to purchase an additional hand held leak tester in order to use the Robert Wolf Fiberscopes with the existing equipment. The manual hand held leak tester is not as efficient as the automated leak tester currently in use and the VA would not only incur the additional cost of the hand held leak tester, but also increased labor costs for each sterilization and reuse and the would be subjected to a less reliable leak test method that could lead to negative results to the VA's Veteran patients.

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

A Request for Information (RFI), Sources Sought Notice, was posted on both FedBizOps.gov (VA244-17-N-1131) and GSA's eBuy system (RFQ11205058). The RFI contained the salient characteristics of the Olympus CYF-5 CystoNephro Fiberscopes and sought additional manufactures on a brand name or equal basis.

There were no responses to the RFI posted on GSA's eBuy system. However there were two responses from Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) from the FBO RFI. One of the SDVOSBs is an authorized dealer for Olympus and proposed offering the Olympus brand name products requested in the RFI.

The other SDVOSB proposed a Robert Wolf manufactured Fiberscope. After clarification with the SDVOSB the VA determined that the Robert Wolf product could be used with the existing Sterrad NX Low Temperature Hydrogen Peroxide Sterilizers but required an adaptor in order to be compatible with the Olympus CLK-4 light source. The reusable adaptor needed for use with the Olympus CLK-4 light source was not compatible with the Olympus MU-1 automated leak tester. In addition, there was not an automated leak tester available for the Robert Wolf adaptor. The

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Robert Wolf adaptor must be manually tested which is less efficient and less effective than the automated leak tester. As a result, the VA has determined that only the Olympus CYF-5 CystoNephro Fiberscopes will meet the VA's needs.

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: 07/21/2017

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