

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:

VA-17-089874

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

N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$5,557.00

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

Purchase of cooling vest and heat vest for staff to be worn during surgery. The lightweight CoolOR® vest system keeps surgeons and staff cool and comfortable by continuously circulating cold water through tubing sewn within the vest or accessory. Our CoolOR® circulating water system is designed specifically for operating rooms and used by thousands of hospitals nationwide. Studies have demonstrated that working in extremely hot environments leads to physical and mental fatigue. This fatigue leads to mistakes and possible serious surgical complications. Heat fatigue also increases the time need to do activities, this increase time leads to more costs for lengthy surgeries and increased risk for patients. Multiple factors create hot operating rooms such as bright OR lights, hot room for patient benefits, surgical garb (gown, hats, and glasses), x-ray lead and many other factors. The cool OR system was trialed for 30 days, and our staff felt more comfortable, energized, and more focused.

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

This cooling system was trialed and found that it performed within expectation in a surgical environment. This exact system was designed for operating room usage, no other system was found during search. The vest operated for many hours of continues usage with no leaking. Has 6 feet of tubing which allows the surgeon to move around during surgery without limitations from other devices. Cool OR can be worn without compromising sterility during surgery. This is only system found during search for OR usage, exact match required from any source.

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

Internet, NAC, and vendor search performed. Many vendors had cooling systems, but only Cool OR was designed for operating rooms. Cooling systems that compromised sterility or didn't allow surgeon movement during case were removed from consideration.

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: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____ **NCO:** _____