

JUSTIFICATION FOR BRAND NAME ONLY AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3K) 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. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER:

667-17-3-132-0708

1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER

None

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

REDACTED

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

Request for Brand Name Only Welch Allyn Connex Vital Sign Monitors to be used at the Overton Brooks Medical Center, Shreveport, LA.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS FOR COMPETITION: BRAND NAME AVAILABILITY:

The vital sign monitors by Welch Allyn are the type that are being currently utilized within the hospital. The equipment is MANUFACTURED BY Welch Allyn but is available via Small Disadvantage Veteran Owned Small Business.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SUPPLY MUST BE BRAND NAME, NO OTHER BRAND NAME WILL SUFFICE:

Overton Brooks Medical Center currently only utilizes the Connex vital sign monitors manufactured by Welch Allyn. These monitors and accessories are not interchangeable with other brands of monitors. Standardizing the monitors eliminates the need for training on new equipment and allow equipment and accessories to be interchangeable which in turn, simplifies preparations. The most important reason for replacement of the Monitors is age of the equipment (over 5 years old); they maintain the possibility of producing inaccurate information which will negatively impacting patient care. Additionally, the equipment requires frequent repairs which are no longer cost effective. Overton Brooks Medical Center is supplementing existing equipment.

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

Market research included historical procurements for the same or similar product and a search of the VetBiz Vendor Information Page and GSA. Six (6) Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) have been identified who may meet the requirement. A Brand-Name Only solicitation, set-aside 100% for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) is planned with award anticipated as a firm-fixed priced purchase order to the lowest technical price acceptable (LPTA) offeror, under FAR Part 13 simplified procedures.

6. 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.*

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Signature: 

Date: 07/25/2017

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Title: Contracting Officer

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