

**JUSTIFICATION FOR BRAND NAME ONLY PURCHASE 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:**

VA256-17-AP-9983

**1A. PROJECT/TASK**

No. N/A

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

  
**REDACTED**

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

Clinical audiometers utilized for diagnostic assessment of hearing acuity. The audiometers require bi-annual calibration. Supplies include disposable insert earphone tips of various sizes and disposable earphone covers.

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT THE PURCHASE TO A SPECIFIC NAME BRAND ONLY. ALSO ANNOTATE IF EQUIPMENT CONNECTS TO VA NETWORK.**

Request replacement of Grayson Stadler clinical audiometers. The units ordered were requested as replacements because they are designed to function in accordance with data management software and the connecting hardware currently utilized in the three clinics at the main facility and the community based clinics. The equipment interfaces with a PC but does not connect to the VA Network.

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

Market research included in initial equipment request

**Completed By: Dwayne Redman, Chief, Audiology and Speech Pathology**

**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.*

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Signature

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Date: 08/04/2017

Name: Tina Harris

Title: Contracting Officer

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