

**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:**

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**1A. PROJECT/TASK**

No.

N/A.

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

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

The procurement of the Ceiling Lift Systems is limited to the Cincinnati VA Medical Center new Dialysis Unit.

Based on the information received from the using Service, to the best of their knowledge, ArjoHuntleigh is the only known source that can provide these types of lifts and scales that are compatible with the current lifts. There are other companies that could provide lifts; however, none can provide the exact requirements that are compatible with the current lifts. Procuring the same lift system will maintain patient safety throughout the Medical Center and provide consistency of staff training and continuity of care for patients, thus increasing patient safety and enhancing patient care.

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

This contract is for a very specific ceiling lift system. Accordingly, ArjoHuntleigh is the company that manufactures these lifts capable of providing this service without substantial duplication of cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs that could not be recovered through competition and unacceptable delays in fulfilling requirements. The lifts from ArjoHuntleigh are currently being used at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center. As far as Nursing Service is aware, no other lifts offer the requirements needed for the ceiling lift system. Additionally, the requirement calls for the relocation of existing ArjoHuntleigh lifts into the new Dialysis Unit. If the lifts were moved and installed by an organization other than ArjoHuntleigh or their authorized distributors any warranties would be null and void.

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

Market research was conducted through a search on GSA Advantage and the Internet. Other companies can provide ceiling lifts, but none with the exact requirements that is compatible with the current lifts. Procuring the same lift equipment will maintain patient safety throughout the Medical Center and provide consistency of staff training and continuity of care for patients; thus, increasing patient safety and enhancing patient care. One vendor was found that offers a similar product; however, the ArjoHuntleigh Ceiling Lift System has all of the exact features required including a

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better warranty.

ArjoHuntleigh is a NAC contract holder and the requirement is on their contract, however, they have two SDVOSB authorized distributors. In accordance with the "Rule of Two," this acquisition should be treated as a brand name only requirement to afford those organizations the opportunity to submit pricing.

**5. Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR 13.106-1(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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