

**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:**

659-17-3-098-0079

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$37,867.64

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

Salisbury VAMC is requesting surgical instruments for their arthroscopy sets. Manufacturer is Smith & Nephew. Instruments need to be exact for standardization.

Arthroscopy instruments are frequently used by surgeons. During arthroscopic surgery surgeons frequently use a cannula to create a sterile pathway to the joint. They insert specialized devices through the cannula to diagnose and, if needed, repair damaged tissue in the joint. These cannulas and accessories are designed for use in the joint, come with and without inflow port. The instruments are duplicates of existing sets.

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

Brand name item to support existing sets. Succinct territory breakouts exist for Smith & Nephew resellers and the only one that is authorized for North Carolina is ProAim, a small business.

IAW 6.302-1 Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements. ProAim is the only known source that will satisfy agency's brand name requirement for existing arthroscopy sets.

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

The Contracting Officer's market research showed the exact same requirement was acquired under award action VA246-17-P-6805 on July 12-17 for the Kernersville and Charlotte HCCs. It is unlikely that market conditions have changed significantly enough to warrant the administrative burden of a new solicitation. As per FAR 10.002, the Contracting Officer may use market research conducted within 18 months before the award of any task or delivery order if the information is still current, accurate, and relevant. The Contractor determined and verified all information is still current and relevant. Therefore, the previous procurement strategy for Contract VA246-16-F-3106 will be used in support of this new requirement for the Salisbury VAMC. See supporting documents in contract file.

IAW the contracting order of priority as set forth in VAAR 819.7004, the §8127's "Rule of Two" for SDVOSB/VOSB does not apply. Though VIP showed 169 SDVOSB and 34 VOSB matches for NAICS 339112, PROAIM Americas, LLC. ("PROAIM") is a small business and the authorized government distributor for the Endoscopy Business Unit of Smith & Nephew, Inc. ("Smith & Nephew") in the State of North Carolina. See authorized distributor letter in contract file.

**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.*

**Melisha Evans 413046**

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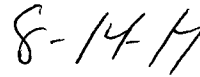
**Date**

**Name: Melisha Evans**  
**Title: Contracting Officer**  
**Facility: NCO 6**

**7. NCM/PCM DESIGNEE (Required \$3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

  
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**Name: Jay James, Branch Chief Supply 4**  
**Title: Contracting Officer**  
**Facility: NCO 6**

**Date**

  
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