

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE 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:

558-17-3-044-0178

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

None

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$34,479.60

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

P&LMS is requesting to acquire an instrument which will count the number of cells in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples. The GloCyte delivers highly accurate and precise total nucleated cell (TNC) and red blood cell (RBC) results using a combination of fluorescence technology, highly specific reagents, and an intelligent counting algorithm. GloCyte can handle all the CSF specimens' lab needs and it provides accurate cell counts at clinically relevant low levels and reduces processing time spent counting those more difficult specimens.

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

This is a Brand name only requirement for the Glo-Cyte manufactured by Advanced Instrument Inc and no other product will do. The Glo-cyte instrument provides red blood cell and nucleated cell counts on CSF specimens. It does not require specialized skills for its operation and provides counts in those specimens with low numbers of cells using fluorescence and imaging technology. The results are available in 5 minutes which would resolve a present challenge in the lab's workflow turnaround time. The cartridges used for testing are disposable, eliminating cross contamination and infectious specimens can be processed easily. No other commercially available sources are capable of supplying this requirement.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:

This instrument has recently been approved for use by the FDA and at currently it is the only instrument providing the advantages listed above.

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

The Contracting Officer (CO) conducted Market Research employing the use of World Wide Web, SAM, a VIP search result which returned zero SDVOSB/ VOSB registered for this product, telecommunication with SME's and industry as well as a review of relevant procurement history. Further, telephonic communication with the manufacturer to seek authorized distributors revealed that Advanced Instruments Inc. does not sell its GloCyte product line through distribution now. Further, no currently timetable for offering the product line through distribution is established.

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.*

Signature: _____

Date: 8/14/2017

Name: Paul O. Waite

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