

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: 618-17-3-040-0318/VA-17- AP	1A. PROJECT/TASK No.	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$37,823.86
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
 Sole Source, Women-owned Company, purchase order for Mock Medical surgical instruments to support surgical training and cadaver labs for orthopedics, oral and general surgery. Mock Medical was found to be the Sole Vendor and Distributor of mock surgical instruments that meet the VA needs. The exact brand is required to support staff training and requested.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:
 Mock Medical surgical instruments are the only surgical instruments that meet the orthopedic, general and oral surgery simulated surgical needs with durability for sterile processing to support cadaver lab training. They offer a surgical saw and drill set which can be used for cadaver training. Regulatory guidance prohibits actual sterile instruments from being used on live patients and then in the morgue. Simulated instruments are half the cost, yet can be sterilized.

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:
 Chief of Oral Surgery and Orthopedics approved the specific Mock Medical instruments being ordered. Product reviewed by VISN Simulation Director during IMSH Conference in Orlando, FL Jan 31, 2017.

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](#).*

Signature: _____
 Name: Brian O'Boyle
 Title: Contracting Officer
 SAO Central Contracting Team

Date: _____