

**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:**

VA244-17-AP-7248  
693-18-1-153-0002

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$54,996.00

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

The Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center requests a firm fixed price procurement of Endur ID brand Patent ID Secure Soft, Wide wristbands, P/N XSS-1-LA. The request is for 240 boxes (300 wristbands per box), shipped 20 boxes per month for one year, October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

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

Endur ID brand secure soft wide patient wristbands, P/N XSS-1-LA, are the only "soft" wristbands that meet compatibility requirements with the equipment and Biosoft Patient ID Wristband software purchased as a result of a VISN 4 initiative in FY2010. Biopoint Software, manufactured by Bio-Optronics, is used to print the required information on the Endur wristbands. The printer sheets used with Endur ID bands are compatible only with the VISN-mandated printers that interface with the Biopoint software. The facility also has an annual support and maintenance contract with Bio-Optronics, the manufacturer of the Biopoint software. VHA Handbook 1761.1 outlines the requirement for standardization within the VISN and the resultant purchase of the Biosoft software.

THIS IS A BRAND NAME REQUIREMENT FOR THE ENDUR ID XSS-1-LA.

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

A Sources Sought notice was posted to GSA's EBuy system under Schedule 65 II A SIN A-24, with no responses received. The VETBIZ database was queried under NAICS 339113, and multiple sources were located. A request for information email was sent to 27 of the vendors in the VETBIZ database, and two responses were received. In addition, Califon Systems, a SDVOSB, currently holds the contract for these items. Their current contract expires September 30, 2017. Califon Systems was contacted, and expressed interest in the new requirement.

**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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Edward A. Boddie, Contracting Officer