

**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:**  
583-17-3-8029-0130

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**  
\$30,270.00

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

Research Service located at the Roudebush VAMC is requiring a genomic lab to process SOMAScan proteomic assays for Dr. Agarwal's research project.

Vendor:

University of Colorado  
Genomics / Microarray Core Lab  
12700 E. 19th Ave.  
Aurora, CO 80045

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

The services requested require experience performing SOMAScan proteomic assays and similar biomarker studies. The laboratory must be under the supervision of an experienced investigator with expertise in protein biomarker assays. Further, the laboratory shall have a valid SOMAScan Operations Certificate to certify that the assay performance requirements have been met.

Obtaining assay kits directly from SomaLogic and contracting with the University of Colorado Genomics and Microarray Core offers the lowest cost while maintaining the high standards of quality that this analysis demands. The University of Colorado Genomics and Microarray Core has prior experiencing performing this assay for academic clients and has a robust IT infrastructure to support the storage and timely transmission of the resultant data for analysis. The University of Colorado is the only vendor capable of providing these services.

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

Market Research was conducted by the Research Department; quotes were obtained from SomaLogic, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and the University of Colorado Genomics and Microarray Core. All three vendors offered an identical SOMAScan assays, thus the performance characteristics of assay processing however, the University of Colorado has a robust IT infrastructure to support the storage and timely transimission of the data analysis, which is crucial to this Research study.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** August 28, 2017

**Name:** Lisa Frymier

**Title:** Contracting Officer NCO: 10