

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:

VA261-17-AP-13256

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
No. None**

**1B. ESTIMATED
AMOUNT: XXXXXXXX**

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

This requirement is for a firm fixed priced purchase order for support services for the Data Innovations Instrument Management Software which is used to manage the laboratory equipment used by the VANCHCS. The performance period will be from (Sept 18, 2017. 2015 thru Sept 17, 2018 with four option years and the contractor providing the service is Data Innovations, LLC. which is a small business entity. The anticipated cost of XXXXXXXX has been determined fair and reasonable based on comparisons to the independent government estimate (IGCE) in accordance with FAR 13.106-3(a)(2)(vi).

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

FAR 13.106-l(b)(l)(i), Only one source is reasonably available due to all parts, service, support, and maintenance services are proprietary to and only available from the manufacturer of the instrument management software.

Data Innovations, LLC. is the designer and manufacturer of the instrument management system and software and all services to include software upgrades and system support are proprietary to Data Innovations, LLC. The vendor does not utilize any third party entities for distribution, support, or maintenance services. Data Innovations, LLC. is able to provide the necessary support and maintenance services under the company's GSA FSS Schedule GS-35F-389DA which expires on June 28, 2021.

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

A general inquiry was performed to identify alternative service providers utilizing the SAM and VetBiz sites however; no other providers are able to offer any services for the system currently used by the VANCHCS.

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:8/29/17

Name: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Title:Contracting Officer **NCO:** VISN 21