

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:

679-17-4-238-0088

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

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

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

The Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center requires the procurement of a Hobart manufactured Flight-Type dishwasher for replacement of the currently installed machine. The current dishwasher is also manufactured by Hobart. A motorized conveyor belt, also manufactured by Hobart, was procured and placed adjacent to the current dishwasher. The specifications for the two pieces of equipment were designed to operate together, allowing workers to work between the two for efficiency and safety. Also, Hobart has demonstrated to be a consistent performer in the life expectancy of its dishwashing machines. It would cost beneficial to remain with this industry leader. The staff is well trained with this manufactured-type of machine and maintenance personnel are familiarized with repairs and local vendor availability for part replacements.


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

Hobart Dishwashers are the industry leader and provide a substantial benefit in durability and maximum life expectancy. It is cost beneficial for the government to select this manufacturer. Also, the current layout and design of the sanitation area in this location has a conveyor belt located adjacent to the existing Hobart Dish machine. These two separate units have been designed to work together because of their unique dimensions. This ensures efficiency and safety for staff. Selecting the procurement of a different manufacturer will likely result in the loss of this efficiency and safety between the two pieces of equipment.

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: GSA Advantage was utilized to identify available vendors on GSA. Only 2 vendors were available, 1 small business and 1 large business. This finding resulted in the need to solicit this item Open Market in order to give SDVOSB and VOSB vendors an opportunity to respond.

Service Chief Signature:  Date: 9/8/17

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: 
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Date: 8 September 2017

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