

**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.

<b>1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:</b> <a href="#">VA246-17-AP-12582</a>	<b>1A. PROJECT/TASK No.</b> N/A	<b>1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:</b> <a href="#">\$78,499.92</a>
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**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**  
[Biochemical Supply Kits for Durham VA Medical Center for FY18](#)

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:**  
[The needed Biochemical supply kits are specific to the BacT/ALERT 3D blood culture instrument that the Durham VAMC utilizes. The equipment is used to detect bacteria and fungi in the blood or other normally sterile body fluids \(sepsis\). Use of supplies not intended on the instrument would compromise the results of the tests and could potential lead to misdiagnosis and a critical delay in patient care.](#)

**4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**  
[GSA Advantage and GSA eBuy were searched to find out if needed supplies are on FSS contract. The BacT/ALERT 3D blood culture instrument is on FSS contract but the supplies are not. Initially a new cost-per-test for Blood Culture instrument and supplies was going to be initiated so a Sources Sought Notice \(VA246-17-N-0227\) was posted. The notice was posted on 7/10/17 through 7/20/17 \(10 days\) and two vendors responded- Biomerieux and Becton Dickinson – both large businesses. Durham has asked that the longer-term contract for a new instrument be delayed to give time for Biomerieux’s new generation analyzer to gain a performance track-record. VIP website was searched with NAICS code 325413 and keyword: “infection” and VIP listed no vendors. VIP also searched using NAICS code 325413 and keyword “bloodstream”. No vendors listed.](#)

**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.*

Signature:   
Name: Dori Dabbs  
Title: Contracting Officer – NCO 6  
Date: 8/8/2017