

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE 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:**

VA263-17-AP-9898, 636-17-4-4631-0764

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$45,117.00

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:** The unit requested is an Ocular Pressure Flow Analyzer that simultaneously measures the pulse blood volumes of both eyes. Additionally, this unit and its technology allows determination of ocular perfusion pressures, ocular blood pressure and the ocular perfusion reserve. This unit is central to research projects funded by grant/s to assess the accuracy of direct measurement (via this unit by suction cups on both eyeballs) verse the indirect methods used by the other models/brands on the market, also to study measurements of visual loss as it impacts various debilitating vision conditions on veterans.

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO "BRAND NAME", WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:**

This unit is unique in that it takes its measurements directly from the eye by application of suction cup on both eyeballs simultaneously. The other units that occupy the market place take their measurements indirectly and only measure one eye at a time. The uniqueness of this unit makes it central to established research projects (already supported by VA grants) in that it's direct measurement process will eventually be compared to the indirect measurement process of the other units that occupy the market place. Without this unit such a comparison could not take place. The customer described... "this test could prove to be integral in the early detection of visually debilitating diseases among veterans." ADDITIONALLY: This vendor is authorized by letter from the manufacturer (located in Germany) to act as their exclusive distributor in the territory of the United States. There is no other distributor to purchase this unit from.

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

Obtained a copy of the letter authorizing the vendor to be the exclusive distributor in the United States from the customer and confirmed with vendor. Online searching under multiple terms (ocular pressure flow analyzer, ocular blood flow analyzer, pulsatile ocular blood flow, ocular blood velocity, and others...) produced no other vendors that sell a similar model that tests both eyes simultaneously or in a similar direct manner. The requesting research clinic states their clinician/staff follow the vendors and manufactures of this type of equipment closely, attend research conferences, participate in research scientist collaborations and they have concluded "no other piece provides all the same performance elements." Performed Vetbiz search. Used SAM. Searched GSA. Search NAC-FSS. As a result of our research we conclude a sole source purchase is justified.

**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: 8/28/2017

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