

**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.

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| <b>1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:</b> | <b>1A. PROJECT/TASK No.</b> | <b>1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:</b> |
| VA250-17-AP-11252                     | N/A                         | \$36,100.00                  |

**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:** Biomedical Engineering submitted a purchase request for proprietary essential care agreement service maintenance plan for the Cath Lab IVUS machine (SN 6023) located at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, 1481 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Boston Scientific Corp.  
1 Boston Scientific Place  
Natick MA 01760-1537

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:** This equipment serves the Intravascular Ultrasound, or IVUS is an imaging technology that looks at arteries from the inside out. IVUS consists of a tiny ultrasound imaging device, mounted on a catheter that can be threaded across a section of artery to yield both a cross-sectional and longitudinal view, showing the amount and shape of plaque and whether or not a stent is has been optimally deployed and expanded -- information that is not shown by standard angiography. Boston Scientific is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for the Cath Lab IVUS. This repair requires the need for OEM replacement parts and OEM trained technicians to conduct the required repairs. Boston Scientific does not sell their equipment parts or training to third party retailers and therefore is the only source available to provide these repair services.

**4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:** A market survey was conducted; VetBiz was searched and found that there are no SDVOSB/VOSB on the open market. GSA/FSS was searched with no small businesses nor mandatory sources available to provide these services. It was found that only one vendor can provide these services due to proprietary reasons. Only an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) trained technician has the capability to provide these services. The OEM does not train third party vendors to conduct preventative maintenance or repair services on their equipment and operating systems.

**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.*

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