

**JUSTIFICATION FOR BRAND NAME AWARDS IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3K) 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 or a limited number of responsible sources for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold or . COs may solicit from one source, or limited type of supplies or services, 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 or brand name awards IAW [FAR13.106-3\(b\)\(3\)](#). Note: Statements such as "only known source or manufacture " or "only source which can meet the required delivery date" are inadequate to support a sole source purchase.

1. ACQUISITION PLAN
ACTION ID: VA259-18-AP-0605

1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER
none

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: The Salt Lake City Veterans Health Care System is in urgent/emergent need to purchase disposables that will go with the BarrX RFA equipment (generator) to be used in Medicine Services by the GI Department. There are patients scheduled for procedures on 10/25/17. The disposables, will be used to treat patients with GI related conditions/diseases. Bravo pH monitoring system provides a more tolerable and convenient way to evaluate the reflux symptoms when compared to catheter-based pH monitoring systems. The capsule is temporarily attached to the wall of the esophagus. The capsule transmits pH information wirelessly to a small recorder that the Veteran wears. Data can be transmitted approximately 3 feet/1 meter, which means the Veteran can take the recorder off to shower and sleep without interrupting the test. The Veteran can engage in their usual activities during the test, which can provide the doctor with a more accurate picture of the Veteran's acid exposure compared to data collected using catheter-based systems.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: The request is brand specific (sole). The brand is requested because the GI Lab already has the BarrX RF Generator. The disposables requested are made specifically for the BarrX Generator.

4. SUGGESTED MANUFACTURER INFORMATION (Contractor Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Telephone Number): Covidien, 3555 Koger Blvd. Suite 200, Duluth, GA 30096. Phone 770-662-0870

5. REASON THAT SUGGESTED MANUFACTURER IS THE ONLY BRAND, WHICH WILL MEET THE MINIMUM NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENT: The company listed is the manufacturer of the equipment and disposables. The BarrX RF Generator that is at VHASLC was purchased earlier this year.

6. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Market Research has been completed. The BarrX disposables are the only catheters made to work with the BarrX RF Generator.