

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: VA249-18-AP-1991	1A. PROJECT/TASK No.	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thermo Fisher Scientific s SlideMate AS On-Demand System Mfr Model No. A83900005; Qty: 2 • Thermo Fisher Scientific s PrintMate AS150 System Mfr. Model No. A83800004; Qty: 1 		
3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: The unique performance features of the product Thermo Scientific Printmate/SlideMate AS on -demand system are: Small footprint due to limited space unlike Sakura and Leica slide and cassette printers, non-hazardous print materials unlike Leica, Easier transition to prevent decrease in work-flow due to employee familiarity with equipment, user friendly, no daily maintenance, additional air purchase of air filters are required for Leica's hazardous ink cartridges and Thermo Fisher supplies/account is currently available. The specific performance features are required to perform it's intended function is to adhere to CAP(College of American Pathologists) regulation for labeling and tracking solutions to prevent patient error.		
4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Reviewed competing manufacturer spec sheets and brochures for the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakura Finetek Tissue-Tek Smartwrite Slide Printer System Mfr. Model No. 9021 • Leica Biosystems Leica IP S Slide printer Mfr. Model 149IPS00001 • Sakura Finetek Tissue-Tek Smartwrite Cassette Printer System Mfr. Model No. 9020 • Leica Biosystems Leica IP C Cassette Printer Mfr. Model. 149IPC00001 		
5. Contracting Officer's Certification: <i>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.</i> Signature: Contracting Officer, NCO-9		