

JUSTIFICATION FOR BRAND NAME 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:
VA247-18-AP-3782

1A. PROJECT/TASK No.
534-18-2-783-0052

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:

Additional eye lane equipment needed to expand services, as well as replacement some outdated equipment in the patient care area. The equipment is used to perform eye exams.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:

The eye clinic has multiple eye lanes in use, requiring standardization of equipment. The rooms are designed with consistency in mind for patient safety and reliability in exams. Slit Lamps - Ergonomic features to prevent fatigue, inclined eyepieces, a unique stereo variator offers the best retinal view through small pupils for retinal specialists on the market. Observer tube - The Haag Streit brand is lighter weight, and shorter proves to be less problematic during an exam. Omega 500 LEDHQ – we chose the omega's as the Keeler brand has been known to be excessively bright making the patients uncomfortable during exams.

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: The facility currently has these items inhouse, they have proven reliability and we want to remain standardized with our equipment.

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: 

Name: Darius Crane

Title: Contract Specialist

Date: March 26, 2018

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