

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1
BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATION**

(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3.5K) BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE SAT (\$150K))

IAW FAR 13.104, 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 FAR 13.106-1(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 FAR 13.106-3(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 FAR 13.106-3(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-5659

1A. PROJECT/TASK
No.

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
[REDACTED]

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

The ESG-400 is an electrosurgical generator intended for tissue cutting tissue in conjunction with electrosurgical accessories and ancillary equipment. 2EA (ESG-400/WB91051W) and Footswitch, Double pedal (WB50402W) , and 3 HF Cable Bi-polar 4M (WQ00014A) for ESG- 400.

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

The ESG-400 is the only generator compatible with our ancillary equipment currently being used. List below with the approximate replacement value of this equipment is between \$100,000-\$150,000.

Ancillary equipment currently in use at the Birmingham VA facility:

- 1) Work with our current Olympus resectoscopes. Component model numbers:
 - a. WA22367a
 - b. A22000a
 - c. A22001a
 - d. A22002a
 - e. A22003a
- 2) Work with our current Olympus bipolar electrodes. Models:
 - a. WA22306d
 - b. WA22503d
 - c. WA22557c

Per the Olympus Representative for the Birmingham facility, Kevin Sheenan, the requested item is universal in that it can be used to power most all monopolar accessories, no matter the company. However, the Olympus bipolar resection equipment at the VA Birmingham can only be powered by this machine. Other machines will not be able to function or hook up to our bipolar resectoscope sets. Therefore, the Olympus electrosurgical generator is the only equipment capable of operating with existing resectoscopes. (see attached)

The ESG-400 support the urologic suite with the intuitive touch screen, specialized modes and tissue-adaptive power output. Resecting prostate tissue with the ESG-400 is more efficient because it offers continuous plasma activation, improved ignition. In addition, this system has an automatic saline detection system ensuring the correct fluid for irrigation is used thus maximum patient safety.

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

The customer's market research was conducted using three separate search engines, Google, Bing and Yahoo to validate the unique characteristics and compatibility for use. The contract specialist's market research is attached where GSA, Vet Biz, DSBS and manufacturer's information was obtained. Results show that the only electrosurgical generator that can work with existing system is requested Olympus model. However, this large business firm has a SDVOSB who they state is their only authorized small business distributor. Alliant Healthcare. Therefore, only one single source manufacturer can provide the required item. Therefore, this is a brand name justification.

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5. Contracting Officer's Certification: *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR 13.106-1(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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