

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE 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 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:

[REDACTED]

1A. PROJECT/TASK No.

[REDACTED]

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

[REDACTED]

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

The VA St. Louis Health Care System (John Cochran Division) is in need of an upgrade to the existing Carl Zeiss IOL Master 500 Optical Coherence Biometry System currently in use by the eye clinic. The current system runs on an unsupported Microsoft Windows operating system. Per VA Guidance all systems utilizing unsupported operating systems must be upgraded or replaced. Due to this, the current IOL Master System will need to be upgraded to the most recently release, the IOL Master 700, to continue to meet VA standards.

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

The VA St. Louis currently owns the Carl Zeiss IOL Master 500 with the Zeiss Forum software package. In order to maintain workflow and not have to purchase a new software package, the best value option to the Medical Center would be to upgrade the current Zeiss IOL 500 to the Zeiss IOL 700.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:

Carl Zeiss IOL Master 700 can be purchased from the manufacturer and through SDVOSB distributors.

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

An email was received from the manufacturer which stated that the product is made in Germany and they have [REDACTED] SDVOSB distributors.

6. 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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