

**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:**

IOL Master

**1A. PROJECT/TASK No.**

503-18-3-225-0199

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$117K

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

Equipment is needed to preform cataract surgeries. Surgeries are scheduled to be offered at the Altoona VAMC within the next 6 months. Surgeries are to be performed by Pittsburgh VAMC practitioners this is the exact equipment that the Pittsburgh practitioners are trained on to the preform these surgeries.

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

Pittsburgh Eye Surgeon requests these exact pieces of equipment because this is what the practitioners are **trained** on at the Pittsburgh VAMC. This is a Western Market directive. Will use one practitioner for three facilities. This equipment is needed to provide continuity of care and compatibility with existing methodology, services, equipment, supplies and training. The Western Market initiatives creates a nexus between multiple facilities sharing resources and services to help create a seamless healthcare network. In doing so, the Western Market employs VA Staff Physician(s) who will be traveling between three facilities to perform cataract surgeries (Pittsburgh VA and Erie VA where it is already in place and Altoona VA where it is being added). There is not only a qualitative benefit to patient care in providing these physician(s) but quantitative benefits related to existing contracts. Disposables, supplies, and surgical tech personnel for the cataract surgeries to be performed onsite at the Altoona VAMC by the shared VA Staff Physician(s). This requirement mirrors the contracts already in place in Pittsburgh and Erie and includes the contractor to provide a back-up Phaco-Alcon Centurion machine. Units are currently used at Erie and Pittsburgh VAMCs by the VA Staff Physician(s) that are shared between the Medical Centers. Procedures are in place at these other Medical Centers using these specific pieces of equipment that include not only the procedures themselves but the sterilization process as well.

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

The manufacturer has two authorized SDVOSB distributors

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Title:** Contracting Officer  
**Facility:** NCO4  
**Date:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** Dianne E. Smith  
**Title:** Division Chief, NCO 4  
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**Date:**