

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Single Source Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#) For Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 521-19-4-237-0200

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 7, *Birmingham VA Medical Center*
2. HOLOGIC (Biovision): It is standard of care to image the operative breast biopsy or mastectomy specimen to be sure the targeted lesion and marker is contained and margins appear adequate. The Faxitron reduces the time to confirm to a minute or two in the OR rather than waiting to send the specimen to radiology. It reduces OR time and the time the patient is under anesthesia
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** HOLOGIC Biovision has the highest resolution compared to other units, especially important for microcalcifications which are 50 microns or less in size. The machine meets requirements for single source items because they have the following features and capabilities which are not available from any other competitor:
 - Hologic designs, develops and manufactures all parts of the Biovision System and are not available from other sources.
 - Hologic designs and manufactures all software for their products. These are proprietary products not available from other sources.
 - Hologic does not authorize any third-party service providers to provide service for any of their products.

Most importantly, our breast team has used this particular machine for some time at UAB, and it has proven to be reliable with excellent image quality. The Birmingham VAMC has authorized to provide exact patient care inhouse using the same equipment to prevent interruption in patient care. The machine is compatible with PACS for almost instant transfer so that the radiologist can view the specimen and HOLOGIC , Inc. is the sole manufacturer and supplier of the Biovision System.

4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** HOLOGIC , Inc. is the sole manufacturer and supplier of the Biovision System.

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 [S19 Open Market \(FAR13\) Award Documentation Form with Abstract](#) to document price reasonableness.

Requestor's Name & Title

Date

Name
Contracting Officer

Date