

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)**  
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$10K) BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE SAT (\$250K))

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:**  
36C262-19-AP-0342

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**  
\$227,452.51

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

The VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS) Pathology and Laboratory Service requires reagent, consumables and supplies to perform histology and cytology testing on the existing Abbott Processor.

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

The requested items from Abbott Laboratories are the only products compatible for use on the existing Abbott Processor and validated testing. Abbott Laboratories is the manufacture and sole source provider for the requirement.

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

As a result of market research conducted in GSA/FSS, Open Market VIP and previous acquisition history, and RFI #36C26219Q0079 issued on FBO, Abbott Laboratories was identified as the only capable source to provide the requirement. The manufacturer, Abbott Laboratories (POC Taihra UI-Hasan) was contacted for any other potential sources including SDVOSB/VOSBs to provide the requirement and Abbott Laboratories confirmed that there is no other source and it is the sole source provider for the requirement.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 14 November 2018

**Name:** Abigael Schultz

**Title:** Supervisory Contracting Officer

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