

Justification for Sole Supplier or Brand Procurement Services (406) 496-4377

Section 18-4-306, MCA, allows a contract to be awarded for a supply or service item without competition under certain circumstances. The required item must be available only from a single supplier. "Sole Source" is distinguishable from "Sole Brand" in that only one supplier is available to provide the supply or service. Circumstances which could necessitate a sole source procurement are: (1) the compatibility of current services or equipment, accessories, or replacement parts, (2) there is no existent equivalent product, or (3) only one source is acceptable or suitable for the supply or service item. Sole source procedures do not apply if the item is under \$5,000. The following items do not require sole source justification: (1) professional licenses, (2) dues to associations, (3) renewal of software license agreements; and (4) purchase or renewal of maintenance agreements for software or hardware.

(Attach Dated Quote and Use Additional Sheets As Necessary)

Requested Vendor:		Dollar Amount:
Fully describe the purpose for which this produdetail how this need can be best satisfied.	act is needed and why this	s specific product is unique. Explain in
Fully explain why the suggested vendor or bran	nd is the only source or b	rand to fulfill the requirement.
Describe how the suggested brand or vendor is	able to fulfill the require	ments.
Explain why no other brand or vendor can fulfill the requirement.		
Requestor's Signature:	Department:	Date:
Approved: Disapproved:	Initials:	Date: