

**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. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER:

640-15-1-230-0001

1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER

N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

[REDACTED]

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

This requirement is for the renewal of software licenses used by the National Teleradiology Program (NTP) based out of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) for a rule-based physician scheduling program that has the capability to develop and publish schedules for 125+ physicians working a variety of shifts at four (4) Reading Center Locations in three (3) states spanning six (6) time zones. Schedules must be developed 24 hours a day, 365 days per year and shall integrate clinical demands based on historical data with physician availability and sub-specialist profiles. The NTP includes staff, fee-basis and contract physicians. Each physician type has different levels of tracking. The scheduling software helps manage and ensure that physician scheduling is at acceptable levels to support patient care.

Lightning Bolt Solutions, Inc. (Lightning) currently has a contract for this requirement with the VAPAHCS and it expires on November 30, 2014.

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

Lightning is the only contractor that has a turnkey software program that is in use by the NTP. Any other contractor would have to develop a program for VA that works with VA's existing analytics system. This procurement is for the purchase of a software license to continue using the Lightning software program. Only Lightning may provide a software license for their software since it is proprietary.

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

Lightning has unique characteristics that limit the competition to a single source. See Number 3.

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

A presolicitation notice (VA261-15-N-0015) was posted via FBO on 10-24-2014 and closed on 10-31-2014. The presolicitation notice stated that the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) intended to negotiate a sole source contract with Lightning Bolt Solutions, Inc. for this requirement. Any firm that believed it could meet this requirement was afforded the opportunity to provide a written notification indicating that it could provide the requirement. No written notifications were received from additional sources indicating that they could provide an equal or comparable product that met or exceeded the salient characteristics desired by the requiring activity.

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.*

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Title: **Contracting Officer**

Facility: **NCO 21**