

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:

VA528-15-Q-0116

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$36,000.00

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

Labor, materials, and supplies for installation/programing, testing, and certification of the Edwards Fireworks fire alarm system. Procurement includes technician hours and Edwards Fireworks (FireworX) software, workstation, and system option card.

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

The Syracuse VA Medical Center fire alarm system/hardware is Edwards EST system. Upgrades must be compatible with that system. The Firework (FireworX) software and workstation are proprietary to the Edwards' system. Other software/hardware systems that are not approved by Edwards could potentially void other warranties and service agreements.

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

The Syracuse VAMC has the Edwards EST system installed. The Fireworks (FireworX) system is proprietary to Edwards. Other software/hardware systems could potentially cause downtime, not work correctly with the Edwards' system, and/or void warranties and service agreements.

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

The Syracuse VAMC already owns and operates the Edwards EST fire alarm system. Edwards' systems are proprietary. Although Edwards sells other system (i.e. Vigilant), the Syracuse VAMC has determined that this Fireworks (FireworX) upgrades will meet the minimum requirements.
The provider for installation is not being sole sourced. This is a brand-name justification only.

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: _____

Date: 02/23/2015

Name: CHERYL BRIMMER

Title: Contracting Officer

Facility: NCO 2