

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:

646-15-2-808-0023

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

VA244-P-1422

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$16374.96

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

This contract effort is for transitional housing services for the Pittsburgh VAMC. The Contractor provides a supervised environment, room and board, laundry facilities, and group activities. This is an interim contract effort which will cover the period of March 29, 2015 – August 1, 2015.

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

The current contract, VA244-P-1422, expires on March 28, 2015. The new contract will not be in place by that time, which will create a lapse in coverage, unless an interim contract is established. A lapse in coverage would mean that veterans would not be able to stay in the facility and would, therefore, be homeless which is unacceptable. The services required are highly specialized and require 24/7 attention and supervision. The Contractor's facility must be in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations and shall be located within 120 miles of the Pittsburgh VAMC. Shepard's Heart has been successfully performing services under this contract for the past five years. A lapse in coverage would be unacceptable.

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

Veterans are currently residing in the facility at Shepard's Heart, which is located at 13 Pride Street, Pittsburgh, PA. There are three contracts for this service at the Pittsburgh VAMC: VA244-P-1422, VA244-13-D-0444; VA244-13-D-0452 and each Contractor's facility is located in a different area, thereby serving different veterans. Shepard's Heart has the capability to house up to three veterans at one time. The VA cannot move the veterans who are staying at Shepard's Heart to another location because there is no space available under the other contracts. A lapse in housing services would be unacceptable and cause the veterans to lose their housing services. Shepard's Heart has successfully performed under contract, VA244-P-1422 for the past five years.

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

This justification will be posted to FedBizOpps for five days in order to determine if there are other Contractors that can perform this service.

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: March 11, 2015

Name: Jennifer Callahan
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