

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: 553-15-1-2116-0012	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER Lean Transition Formation	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$128,000.00 (base + 1 opt yr)
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
The objective of this proposal is to implement comprehensive Lean transformation, to specifically drive well-coordinated improvements in every process in the organization resulting in measurable improvements in quality, safety, cost, and satisfaction of both staff and Veterans seeking care. Additionally, a comprehensive Lean transformation will assist all leaders and staff in creating a service culture that supports achievement of Veteran Centered Care principles. Implementation of a comprehensive Lean transformation will drive improvement of access, to include the returning Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn Veterans. This consulting intervention aligns with strategic initiatives to provide Veterans personalized, proactive, and patient-driven healthcare.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:
The current vendor has been under contract with VISN 11 and the contract is ending and there are still many projects that the vendor (contractor) is working on that need to be completed.
The current vendor is intellectual capital; it is very specialized tools and standard work plus experience related to the unique lean model and lean approach Detroit VA in pursuing.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:
The current vendor has been under contract with VISN 11 and the contract is ending and there are still many projects that the vendor (contractor) is working on that need to be completed. Starting over with a new contractor would result in additional costs to the government that could not be recovered through competition.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:
VISN 11 completed the initial market research and there are very few vendors that can do this type of work. There are very few vendors with healthcare specific experience none of which has the unique tools and capability.

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: 12/15/14 _____
Name: Gregory Stevens _____
Title: Contracting Officer _____
Facility: John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit _____