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:	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
674-15-2-645-0007	N/A	$150,000.00

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

The services required are for inpatient substance abuse treatment and residential mental healthcare. The vendor will work in conjunction with the Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System, Social Work Program Office to provide homeless veterans within the greater Austin, TX catchment area mental health and substance abuse treatment within a full time residential environment. Each veteran admitted will work toward the end goal of sobriety and stable mental health to be able to live independently after treatment. The contractor will provide treatment in conjunction with basic independent living skills and vocational rehabilitation. Currently the CTVHCS does not have any such facility within the Austin, TX catchment area – the nearest domiciliary is over one hour north in Temple, TX. The homeless veteran population in Austin, TX requires a vendor within their current physical location.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: Market research has been conducted. Locating other sources within the greater Austin, TX area has been difficult. This has been a continuous requirement for over seven years. The facility, the McCabe Center was previously owned by the Cornell Company. They sold the business at the end of the last long term contract. At the time they were the only qualified responder to a full and open request for proposal. Other businesses have responded but all facilities must go through a rigorous approval process to make sure that they are within the national VA standard for inpatient substance abuse and residential mental health care. While a long term requirement is aggressively pursued homeless veterans must continue to be able to receive this critically needed treatment. The closest VA is in Temple, TX over one hour north of Austin, TX. The social workers have been unsuccessful at placing homeless veterans within the greater Austin, TX catchment area to the Temple, TX VAMC. The McCabe center passes all inspections and is equipped with all required staff to fulfill this requirement.

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

The McCabe center is located in Austin, TX. The previous owners sold the McCabe center at the end of the last long term contract to A New Entry, Inc. A New Entry provides transitional housing to justice involved veterans within the Austin, TX area. They have an innate knowledge of the homeless veteran population and work to reduce the number of veterans who are homeless within the greater Austin, TX area. Their staff are familiar with the practices and standards of the VA. There was a previous short term award to A New Entry for the McCabe Center to provide this same needed service. A long term contract will be pursued and will be available to all within the Governmentwide Point of Entry (GPE). However the total amount of the contract makes the overall acquisition process lengthy and while the long term requirement goes through the natural acquisition lifecycle homeless veterans within the Austin, TX catchment area must receive this care without interruption. A New Entry, Inc. has seamlessly assumed the McCabe Center from the Cornell Company and provided high quality and compassionate care to the critical homeless veteran population of Austin, TX.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: **Market research was conducted on the internet and via a Request for Information on Fed Biz Opps. Three contractors replied. The business sizes vary amongst the respondents. The new long term one base year and four option year requirement will be released and available on a full and open request for proposal. There will be a source selection plan and the contract – due to the overall value size – required a contract review team. Additionally all acquisition lifecycle stages require many levels of review and approval. During the process this requirement must be in place so that there is no lapse in service to the Austin, TX homeless veteran population. A New Entry, Inc. owns and manages the facility and provides up to 20 beds per night to the homeless veterans. The McCabe center is within the city limits on a bus line. This is a vital need for the homeless veteran population. As homeless veterans receive substance abuse and mental health treatment they eventually work toward independent living and vocational training/continued education/employment. Whoever does replace this contract the required amenities and services will remain the same as they are vital. This is a commercial requirement. This is not available from any required sources under FAR 8. It cannot be advertised as a set aside for small business or any other socioeconomic category as the services are usually provided by non-profit community agencies who under the current NAICS/SBA standards are qualified as large business. Setting this aside would not allow the incumbent as well as other agencies within Austin the opportunity to serve homeless veterans in this capacity. OSDBU will review the 2268 as the long term requirement is above required monetary thresholds.**

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.*

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