## 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: |
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| 538-15-1-3617-0001 | 538-111 | |

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

We are requesting approval to sole source the BEST keying system for cores as our Grand Master Key System on this construction project. The Chillicothe VAMC has this equipment throughout the facility.

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

1. The VAMC Chillicothe campus is standardized on the "BEST" core keying system. To date the keyway milling configuration has been restricted to only BEST Access Systems for security concerns. If we use a different locking system it would result in a loss of the current level of control access to all areas of the campus.

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

It is felt to be in the best interest of the Government to use this product to make sure the integrity of our locking system. To open this item up to other companies would result in loss of the current level of control of access to all areas of the campus. This tightly controlled information would have to be shared with every different hardware subcontractor on every different project, resulting in the spread of this critical information. Loss of this control of this information would compromise the security of patients, staff, supplies, equipment, facilities and medications.

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

This product is uniquely specific to our facility. While there may be other materials that have comparable qualities, they do not provide an exact match.

**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:** JOSEPH L. BOGGS 315360 Digitally signed by JOSEPH L. BOGGS 315360 DN: c=gov, dod, external, ou=people, 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.1=joseph.boggs2@va.gov, cn=JOSEPH L. BOGGS 315360 Date: 2015.03.02 09:06:33 -05'00' **Date:**_____

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**Title:** **Branch Chief onstruction Team #1**

**Facility:**_____