

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:

539-15-2-2001-0003

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

539-328

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: A new construction project that has a need for brand name sole source items – Arjohuntleigh - Patient Lift System. This is a partial requirement for project 539-328, Inpatient Bed Tower (4th & 5th Floors).

This will include **estimated** material and **estimated** labor of: Model LF21019- Maxi Sky 1000, Model MS000-01-01-MS2 2F ECS Standard hand control, Model 700-05401-Box- Maxi sky 1000 lbs 2 point hanger bar, Model 700-19415 Spreader bar 2PT loop medium, Model 200.12810- 3 Meter Kwiktrak, Model 200.12815- 4 Meter Kwiktrak, Model 200.12870- 4.5 Meter Kwiktrak and Model 200.12880- 6 Meter Kwiktrak **& other items as necessary.**

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: Arjohuntleigh owns the proprietary rights to the manufacture and sale of its associated products and equipment. The subject project involves the construction of new inpatient bedrooms, as an expansion of the existing 5 North Inpatient Bed Unit. The entire hospital as well as the existing 5 North Unit has standardized the patient lifts manufactured by Arjohuntleigh. Due to staff familiarity from a functional and patient safety standpoint, it is essential to construct these new rooms to match the existing patient bed rooms on the Unit which includes a patient lift system by the same manufacturer as those currently on the unit – Arjohuntleigh. Nursing staff rotate among the critical patient rooms and therefore it is important from a patient care perspective to keep the equipment consistent on a single inpatient unit. Such consistency is a critical element in providing efficient and safe patient care. Maintenance, while secondary to the issues of patient and staff safety, is another important factor to consider. Engineering is charged with maintaining these units. A malfunctioning unit needs to be re-introduced back into service as quickly as possible. Attempting to introduce a different manufacturer with different operational and functional requirements would no doubt compromise the ability of maintenance staff to respond to their tasks efficiently.

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

Accordingly, Arjohuntleigh is the only firm capable of providing the supplies and services described in Section III above without the Veteran's Health Administration experiencing substantial duplication of cost that could not be expected to be recovered through competition and unacceptable delays in fulfilling its requirements. Arjohuntleigh owns the proprietary rights to the equipment. The 5 North Nursing Staff is familiar with the operation of the existing Arjohuntleigh Patient Lift Units currently being used on their ward, and since these current Arjohuntleigh patient lift units will remain in the existing patient bed rooms, it is in the Government's best interest to install matching patient lift systems in the new patient bed rooms.

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

CONDUCTED: This equipment is uniquely specific. While there are other manufactures of patient lift equipment that have comparable equipment, an exact match cannot be provided.

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: 4-20-2015

Name: Ronald T. Heidemann

Title: Contracting Officer

Facility: Cincinnati VAMC