

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 – Mesa Laboratories, Inc. – Checkpoint Wireless Sensor Monitoring 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: TEMP 125 Sensor with a temperature and humidity probe, TEMP 128 Differential Air Pressure Sensor, Training and Installation Package and TEMP 101 Repeater for Temperature Transmitter **& 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: The wireless sensor monitoring system consists of multiple temperatures, humidity, and 4-20mA voltage input from other sensing devices. This wireless sensor monitoring system already exists in the Cincinnati VAMC facility and will need to be extended to encompass the sterile supply storage spaces. The extension of this wireless sensor monitoring system will enable the continued temperature and humidity trend logging to continue at the same workstation that other spaces are currently being monitored thus permitting the continued monitoring from a central location and platform without the challenge of breaking these spaces off onto a new system. If a new wireless sensor monitoring system were installed, it would be more costly and require information to be gathered from two separate operating systems, as compared to keeping all the information flowing from a single platform.

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

Accordingly, Mesa Laboratories, Inc. 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. Mesa Laboratories, Inc. owns the proprietary rights to the equipment, software and distributorship. The wireless sensor monitoring system is designed to be used by other Checkpoint products only. As such, each new device must tie into and communicate with the existing facility's Checkpoint system. Each device in the wireless sensor monitoring system constantly communicates with the front end operator workstation. This allows the system to monitor and log each and every existing temperature, humidity, or 4-20mA device. This system will record and log information relative to these spaces that are necessary to ensure that all sterile storage spaces are to maintain space temperature, humidity and pressure as required with the additional proof of accurate documentation confirming all of these parameters. Software conflicts would make it difficult to impossible for devices by another manufacturer to communicate with the existing wireless system and any outage to the network will impact patient care. Checkpoint is needed to interface with the current equipment and keep the network fully functional.

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 wireless sensor monitoring 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