

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 item – Cisco Systems, Inc. – Wireless Access Points (WAP's). This is a partial requirement for project 539-328, Inpatient Bed Tower (4th & 5th Floors).

This will include estimated material and estimated labor of: Cisco 3702i series – Wireless Access Point **& 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 Cisco Systems, Inc. module is part of the supporting equipment that will be added to the existing equipment already in place. This is an expansion of the wireless communications network, involving Cisco Wireless Access Points in several areas of the Inpatient Bed Tower Addition. Cisco Systems, Inc. owns the proprietary rights their equipment and software.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: Accordingly, Cisco Systems, 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. Cisco Systems, Inc. has proprietary communication protocols on their WAP's which is designed to be used with Cisco products only. The WAP's are proprietary and Cisco is able to create a WAP which will operate with the existing wireless environment. The reason for proprietary WAP's is due to the performance risk to the wireless network. The WAP allows wireless devices to talk to other wireless devices and could cause a possible loss of network and therefore loss of data. It has been proven that interchanging WAP manufacturers in a wireless network will lead to outages. Any outage to the network will impact patient care. Cisco 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 access points 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