

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 – Johnson Controls Inc. – Physical Access Control System (PACS). This is a partial requirement for project 539-328, Inpatient Bed Tower (4th & 5th Floors).

This will include estimated material and estimated labor of: RPK40 Card Reader, RDR2SA 2-door reader module, CK-720-SW Access Control Panel Software and CK-721-A CK-720 Controller & **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: Johnson Controls Inc. owns the proprietary rights to the software, manufacture and is the distributor of its products. The physical access control system module is part of the supporting equipment that is an extension to the existing equipment already in place at the Cincinnati VAMC facility.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: Accordingly, Johnson Controls 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. Each device in a PACS, whether it's a card reader or control panel, constantly communicates with the front end of the PACS. This allows the system to monitor each and every device, so that it cannot only receive alarms, but also can detect failures of the device as well – which is a critical element in any PACS. Software conflicts would make it difficult to impossible for devices by another manufacturer to communicate with the existing Johnson Controls System, and could result in circumventing the Physical Security of the Medical Center.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: This equipment is uniquely specific. Although there are other manufactures of a PACS 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