

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 – Pevco – Pneumatic Tube 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: Pneumatic Tube System & 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: Pevco is the sole manufacturer, distributor, and installer of the Pevco pneumatic tube system equipment and products. The pneumatic system is required to transport quick, safe and reliable patient-critical materials between labs, pharmacies, ORs, ERs and nurses' stations. The system is programmable and can be customized to improve delivery times, track a particular transaction and send empty carriers to a station. The system, when properly integrated, can administer controls for the pneumatic system for the entire medical center.

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

SERVICES: Accordingly, Pevco 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. The Pevco pneumatic tube system is currently installed throughout the entire Cincinnati VAMC facility. The Inpatient Bed Tower Addition (4th & 5th Floors) project will require the existing Pevco System to be supplemented with a new pneumatic module to allow for the new hardware components associated with this project to communicate with other Pevco pneumatic devices. In this case, existing Pevco System's steel tubing in the Cincinnati Medical Center use the Pevco module. Therefore using another manufacturer's devices would not be cost effective because it would require a second pneumatic network for support and control. The Cincinnati VAMC's engineering staff is familiar with the programming and operations of the current Pevco Systems module.

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 pneumatic tube system 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