

**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 – Spirax Sarco – 316SS TK plates for Sondex S22 heat exchanger. This is a partial requirement for project 539-328, Inpatient Bed Tower (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Floors).

This will include estimated material and estimated labor of: 316SS TK plates & **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 plates that are to be installed as part of this project represents an extension of the existing Spirax Sarco heat exchanger at the facility. As such, each new plate must tie into the heat exchanger, which is manufactured by Spirax Sarco. Spirax Sarco is the sole provider of the existing heat exchanger equipment currently installed at the Cincinnati VAMC.

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

**SERVICES:** Accordingly, Spirax Sarco 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 domestic hot water system that the building addition will tie into is serviced by an existing plate and frame heat exchanger. This type of heat exchanger provides instantaneous hot water, and can be expanded by adding additional plates. The current heat exchanger is operating at full capacity, in order to accommodate the increased load; additional plates will have to be added to this existing heat exchanger. Spirax Sarco owns the proprietary rights to this system installed at the Cincinnati VAMC.

**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 plate items 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