

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 – Ascom – Telligence Nurse Call System. This is a partial requirement for project 539-328, Inpatient Bed Tower (4 th & 5 th Floors). This will include <u>estimated</u> material and <u>estimated</u> labor of: Telligence station gateway, 8 port switch, 17" lcd touchscreen monitor, corridor light - infinity 4 section, zone light, staff console-e, patient station, room presence, room lavatory, duty station, da pillsprk 18pin-nc/light/smtv/divol/10, low voltage lighting interface, equipment wall rack, curbell 1/4" 1-gang wall jack plate w/pigtail and plug end 1: 1/4" plug end 2: 6-pin zenith <u>& other items as necessary.</u>		
3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: The Ascom Telligence Nurse Call system is an extension of the current system already in place. As such, each new device must tie into and communicate with the existing facility nurse call and code blue system, which is manufactured by Ascom. Due to the addressable nature of these nurse call and code blue systems, only Ascom - Telligence devices can be connected to the existing head end.		
4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: Accordingly, Ascom 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. Software/hardware conflicts would make it impossible for devices by another manufacturer to communicate with the existing Ascom Telligence nurse call and code blue system, and could result in a non-functional patient care environment. The Ascom Telligence Nurse Call System relies on the system "loop" concept where each device is reliant upon the others. This improves the reliability of the system as a whole, because it cannot be knocked offline or have its functionality limited by one device failure. Ascom owns the proprietary rights to it the manufacture and software of its products.		
5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Although there are other manufactures of Nurse Call Systems 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: 4-21-2015

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