

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:

504-15-2-6131-0026

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$73,400.00

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: This procurement is for Cable Television Subscription Services at the Amarillo VA Health Care System (AVAHCS), located at 6010 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, TX 79106. Cable Television Subscription Services are currently being provided to the residents at the AVAHCS Community Living Center (CLC). This action is a follow on action to ensure the continued services currently being provided to those Veteran patients who are CLC residents.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: The AVAHCS is located in a market area or region where there is only one Cable Television Subscription Services provider who meets the needs of the Government. Additionally, the AVAHCS is not set up equipment wise to entertain going to a Satellite provider. AVAHCS Engineering advises that AT&T is in the process of building a fiber optics backbone in Amarillo so they can offer U-verse entertainment packages, but that is still a couple of years away. AVAHCS Engineering further advises for this facility to unilaterally shift to Satellite, the purchase of at least 70 channels of satellite receiver equipment would be required. In order to accommodate the new equipment, a construction project to enlarge the server bay where the equipment would reside would be necessary. The AVAHCS would also have to purchase Off-air equipment so as to continue to provide emergency coverage of local stations when the weather prevents satellite reception.

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

Per Number 3. above, the AVAHCS is located in a market area or region where there is only one Cable Television Subscription Services provider who meets the needs of the Government, and satellite subscription services are not a viable option at this time due to additional requirements for equipment, and modification or alteration to the facility's infrastructure to facilitate the change to satellite subscription services.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

Market research has been conducted to identify other vendors who meet the Government's needs for Cable Television Subscription Services, and there are no other vendors within the area or region serving the AVAHCS at this time. It is the intent of the AVAHCS to conduct market research on future requirement to include issuance of an RFI/Sources Sought Notice to identify other Television Subscription Services vendors who may be interested in participating in future requirements to promote maximum competition.

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: _____

Name: Daniel C. Thiel

Title: Contracting Officer