## 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: | 1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER | 1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: |
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| 538-15-3-3515-0013 Correct Safety Issues for Acute Mental Health Ward B35CD | 538-115 (Impact) | |

**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**

This is just a small portion of a construction project to renovate the 2nd floor of B35. We are requesting approval to sole source Cisco network equipment for this construction project. The Chillicothe VAMC has Cisco Network equipment throughout the facility and it covered by a manufacturer's comprehensive warranty program.

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:**

1. The Cisco equipment has been approved for the VA system and our CIO office maintains a warranty contract that covers the equipment and the network needs to maintain standardization in order to work efficiently. Also the Cisco equipment can be purchased from numerous authorized distributors.

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

It is felt to be in the best interest of the Government to use this product to make sure the integrity of our computer network is kept intact. As stated there is a VA warranty contract in place and these items have to be purchased from an authorized dealer to meet the requirements.

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

This product is uniquely specific. While there may be other materials that have comparable qualities, they do not provide an exact match.

**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:** JOSEPH L BOGGS 315360 **Date:** 4-29-2015
**Name:** Joseph Boggs
**Title:** Contracting officer
**Facility:**