

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:

[REDACTED]

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

[REDACTED]

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

The Tobii I-15 units and accessories are used together to provide communication capabilities for patients with ALS who are unable to otherwise communicate. The patient uses their eyes in conjunction with the hardware and software to communicate.

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

This contract is being procured on a sole source basis due to Dynavox Systems LLC having unique proprietary rights to the items listed above (#3). (This organization merged with the previous sole source owner, Tobii Assistive Technology Inc, and is now the company name.) These proprietary items meet the requirements of the Speech-Language Pathologist/Rehabilitation, and are compatible with the Tobii equipment currently being utilized at Cincinnati VAMC facilities. This requirement is for direct patient care. Dynavox Systems has provided these items before to the VAMC Cincinnati. Accordingly, full and open competition is precluded and Dynavox Systems will be utilized to ensure compatible Speech-Language Pathologist/Rehabilitation care, as well as preventing the duplication of costs.

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

This procurement was not competed due to Dynavox Systems LLC having proprietary rights on the items being utilized in the Speech-Language Pathologist/Rehabilitation clinic.

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

Market research information was also obtained via web searches on other contractors, and through historical data.

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: [REDACTED]
Name: [REDACTED]
Title: [REDACTED]
Facility: _____

Date: [REDACTED]