

**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:**

539-15-2-6905-0038

**1A. PROJECT/TASK  
NUMBER**

539-15-103

**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 – Johnson Controls Inc. – Direct Digital Automatic Temperature Control System (DDATCS). This is a partial requirement for project 539-15-103, Remodel 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Labs, Building 15.

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:** Johnson Controls Inc. owns the proprietary rights to the software, manufacture and is the distributor of its products. The DDATCS module is part of the supporting equipment that is an extension to the existing equipment already in place at the Cincinnati VAMC facility.

**4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:** Accordingly, Johnson Controls Inc. 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. This project involves Building Optimization programming and requires that all parts of the DDATCS in the building work in concert with each other so the pressure in the building stays within a very tight range. This requires that the DDATCS communicates rapidly and efficiently with all components on the system. According to designers of this project, having disparate control systems in the building will hamper the Building Optimization program and the facility may not achieve the required pressures & temperatures in the building. As a result, this project will install components that are consistent with the existing Johnson Controls DDATCS at this facility. Each device in a DDATCS, whether it's a temperature sensor or control panel, constantly communicates with the front end of the DDATCS. This allows the system to monitor each and every device, so that it cannot only receive information, but also send control commands to the devices. As such, each new device must tie into and communicate with the existing Facility DDATCS, which is manufactured by Johnson. Software conflicts would make it difficult and potentially problematic for devices by another manufacturer to communicate with the existing Johnson System. The system installation can be provided by any qualified electrical contractor.

**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 a DDATCS that are 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:** 6-30-2015

**Name:** Ronald T. Heidemann

**Title:** Contracting Officer

**Facility:** Cincinnati VAMC