

**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 – Valcom Inc. – Overhead Paging System. 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:** The Cincinnati VA Medical Center uses an overhead paging system manufactured by Valcom Inc. to provide local and campus wide pages from select common sources. The above listed system is currently installed throughout the facility and must tie into the existing system.

**4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:** Accordingly, Valcom 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. The Valcom Inc. system utilizes a proprietary 24V low voltages distribution system to minimize the need for large power amplifiers. The introduction of a secondary paging system within the campus will severely degrade the capabilities for campus wide paging and system uniformity. Maintenance and system familiarity are other important factors to consider. Engineering is charged with maintaining this system, and the rest of the facility is charged with responding appropriately. Valcom Inc. owns the proprietary rights to all design, software and manufacture of its products.

**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 overhead paging 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** Ronald T. Heidemann  
**Title:** Contracting Officer  
**Facility:** Cincinnati VAMC

**Date:** 6-30-2015