

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:

Portion of 2237 # 506-15-3-9909-0123

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

506-328

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$45,000 (Simplex portion)

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

VA Engineering requires Simplex Grinnell as our Vendor to furnish and install new fire alarm system components, controls, and programming for the project, 506-328, Expand Ambulatory Clinic Exam Rooms, (SCIP III).

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

The existing facility is currently protected by an extensive Simplex Fire Alarm System. This project adds to the system, therefore requiring Simplex Grinnell to add fire alarm components, controls, and programming. Simplex Grinnell is Fire Alarm system and control company that holds the maintenance contract for the propriety equipment throughout the Ann Arbor VAMC. The existing fire alarm system is comprised of Simplex Grinnell equipment including the master annunciation panel and monitoring systems. Use of an alternative system components or vendor would require different types of equipment that are incompatible with the current fire alarm system. This would pose a potential risk of inoperable life safety system control, downtime, and cost to the facility. A second vendor working on the same system could result in downtime to the system, resulting in a safety issue.

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

It is a known fact that no other manufacturer's controls and/or components are interoperable with the Simplex Fire Alarm system, therefore no other effort has been made to solicit from alternate sources.

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

Ann Arbor VAMC would not like to introduce a different fire alarm system to the facility. Market research used for the original fire alarm system solicitation determined the selected vendor.

Chapter VI: Other Than Full and Open Competition (OFOC) SOP
Attachment 4: Single Source Justification for SAP under \$150K

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: Scott D. Brennan
Name: SCOTT D. BRENNAN
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: Network Contracting Office 11

Date: 25 JAN 2015