

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:

VA258-P-0452 Mod P00009

Task Order VA258-15-J-0183/649-16-1-1030-0002

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

N/A

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$72,800.00

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

This sole source justification is to award modification P00009 to Contract VA258-P-0452 with Prescott Speech Language Services, 812 Valley St, Prescott, AZ 86305-1826, IAW FAR Clause 52.217-8, Option to Extend Services to continue providing speech language pathology services at the Northern Arizona VAHCS for the period of 10/1/2015 – 3/31/2016. The total estimated amount for the period is 1040 hours @ \$70.00 for an extended amount of \$72,800.00. This is an estimated amount and the government will only pay for the actual service hours provided.

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

The incumbent contractor has been providing speech language services for several years and although there are other contractors that can provide the services, this contractor has been performing satisfactorily and already has a credentialed physician on the existing contract which will end on 9/30/2015 unless this modification is issued to extend the contract for an additional 6 months to avoid a lapse in services. The competitive solicitation for the long term contract will be issued on or about 11/30/2015 and be ready for award on 4/1/2016.

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

The contract is already in place and currently has a credentialed physician. The incumbent has agreed to continue providing services at the same rates which were solicited competitively and determined fair and reasonable at the time of award. Additionally market research in FSS Contract Schedules indicates that hourly rates for speech language pathologists range between \$60 and \$73 per hour. This indicates that the hourly rate for this contract at \$70 per hour is still considered fair and reasonable. There is insufficient time to solicit, evaluate and award a contract by 10/1/2015 therefore a modification to the existing contract is in the best interest of the government.

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

Market research is being conducted. A sources sought notice (VA258-15-N-0727) has been issued via FBO.gov to obtain capability statements from open market contractors to be used to develop the acquisition strategy for the long term solicitation.

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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.*

Valeria Gutierrez

Signature: 310245

Name: Valeria Gutierrez

Title: Contracting Officer

Facility: NCO 18 – El Paso

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