

**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:
554-15-3-226-0025

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**
VA259-15-AP-4845

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

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

The services provided under this contract are engagement and outreach with Veterans, family and community members living in rural and/or frontier regions of New Mexico with evidence-based trainings aimed at suicide prevention. This specialized gatekeeper training will be provided within the community to law enforcement, emergency medical technicians, and other Veterans for suicide prevention assessment and prevention techniques. Additionally, a Mobile Veterans Wellness Center provides services to Veterans such as employment and housing assistance, guidance with registering with the New Mexico Department of Veteran Services, and other services as needed. The service shall be provided for one year.

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

Straight Scoop for Vets & Friends provides suicide prevention outreach efforts and evidence based-suicide prevention training to underserved rural areas in Eastern New Mexico. Over the past two years, Straight Scoop has served 11 southeastern counties of New Mexico and has a primary focus on the smaller villages and communities that do not have VA facilities within 35 miles.

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

Straight Scoop for Vets & Friends is the only source capable of providing this service due to the specialized nature of the training. These trainings include specialized suicide prevention training for law enforcement and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) personnel, suicide triage training, veteran-specific gatekeeper training, and a Mobile Veteran Wellness Center that serves towns that lie at least 35 miles away from a Department of Veterans Affairs facility or a New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services office. As such, Straight Scoop for Vets & Friends services remote areas of rural New Mexico where Veterans have limited access to outreach and care.

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

CONDUCTED: Internet searches were conducted to locate other sources capable of providing this specialized service and no other companies were located. Additionally, the partner discussed the requirement with local VA contacts in New Mexico, as well as suicide prevention community workers. No other sources could be located.

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: _____

Name: Aldo F. Girany 383200

Title: _____

Facility: _____

Date: _____

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