

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: 644-16-1-7790-7790-0014	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER N/A	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: [REDACTED]
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
LEC services for various Region 1 locations (Portland, Boise, Walla Walla, Seattle, Spokane, and Roseburg) covered under the Satcom Direct Footprint

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:
The sole source for this action is with Satcom Direct Communications. Based on extensive market research, it is determined that Satcom Direct remains the only responsible source capable of providing this service to the VA. No other contractor can provide the required service due to access to the proprietary technical data within the existing Region 1 infrastructure. Only Satcom Direct possesses the necessary Satellite Communications circuitry for the existing Region 1 infrastructure in these service locations. This would involve a transition period of up to 120 days for each change in service provider, due to a new service provider installing all new equipment, cabling, and circuits. This would cause harm and impact to Region 1 locations as a result of the disruption of service.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:
Failure to access the Satcom Direct systems infrastructure and disruption of service would result in no Emergency Satellite communication (phones). Only Satcom Direct Communications, due to proprietary technical data within Region 1, can provide these services within these locations. Not having Emergency Satellite communication would violate the VA's Emergency protocols for maintaining emergency communications when LEC services fail.

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

Any Other Facts Supporting the Restriction of Competition:

This is a follow-on contract to an existing contract (VA260-15-J-4884) to provide mandatory LEC (Emergency Communication) services for Region 1 locations. Market research determined this service is commercial in nature; however, see Paragraph 3 as to rationale for the sole source determination.

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.*

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