

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:

663-16-1-6228-0001

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

VA260-15-AP-6333

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$35,174.40

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

This procurement under Purchase Request number 663-16-1-6228-0001 is a request for other than full and open competition to enter into a new firm fixed price contract with Zirbat LLC, Doing Business As (DBA) Quatrex, a Small Business, to provide services to the VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS). In accordance with FAR 6.001(a), acquisitions conducted under FAR 13 for SAP are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2, IAW the VHA SOP for Other Than Full and Open Competition dated 10-27-14.

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

The specific reason for restricting competition is Quatrex holds proprietary data rights for the Staff Anywhere Software Program (See attached letter from Quatrex confirming data rights). No other vendor can provide the necessary services required under this Purchase Request.

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

The software in use at VA Puget Sound Healthcare System contains specific control information for employees. The control is used as a framework to generate optimal schedules for patients. The Advanced Scheduler takes this control information and generates the most effective schedule that minimizes the variances by assessing needs against the supply of skilled and unskilled professionals. Quatrex holds the proprietary data rights for this software and the maintenance there of.

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

No market research was performed based upon the justification that the contractor holds proprietary rights in data for this software.

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: _____

Date: 10/15/2015

Name: Jackie L Merriman

Title: Contracting Officer