

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:

539-15-2-6905-0009

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

539-15-104

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

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

General Electric (GE) Automatic Transfer Switches (ATS) and Circuit Breakers. These items are upgrades to the existing ATS system and electrical panels at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), 3200 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45220. The GE ATS and Circuit Breakers are part of the Correct Electrical FCA Deficiencies project for VAMC, Project Number 539-15-104

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

The existing Generator Paralleling Gear (GPG) is tied into the ATS's. The existing Generator Paralleling Gear is manufactured by GE, so the ATS's must be manufactured by GE as well to properly complete this critical tie-in. The ATS's must communicate with the GPG in the event of a loss of power, to transfer critical loads to be powered by the emergency generator. The project is also providing additional circuit breakers in existing electrical distribution switchboards that are manufactured by GE. Switchboards only accept circuit breakers from the same manufacturer.

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

The Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) is currently using the General Electric (GE) Generator Paralleling Gear. Research conducted and completed by VAMC Engineering and Network Contracting Office (10) has shown that in the industry, it is standard GPG's to have their own proprietary software which prohibits communication between different manufacturers of ATS's. Since this involves the ability of the facility to provide power to critical areas of the medical center in the event of an emergency loss of power, this is too critical to risk. In addition, other manufacturer circuit breakers just will not fit into the existing GE distribution switchboards. Maintenance and system familiarity, while secondary to the issues of critical need to provide power in emergency situations, are other important factors to consider. Engineering is charged with maintaining this system. Attempting to introduce a different manufacture with different software would no doubt compromise the ability of the Engineering Staff to maintain this critical equipment, let alone the issues of how another manufacture would even be able to operate as required.

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

Market research has been previously conducted for prior projects by Engineering and Contracting, concerning this subject. GE GPG and distribution switchboards are already present at our facility. A Sources Sought Notice was posted to Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) seeking availability of sources that can provide the GE Automatic Transfer Switches (ATS) and Circuit Breakers. There were no responses received from any sources that can provide the General Electric (GE) brand name items.

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: 6-15-2015 _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Facility: _____