

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:

539-15-2-6905-0002

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

539-15-104

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: Honeywell Fire Alarm System – modifications to the existing fire alarm system. The replacement fire alarm devices that are to be installed under the Correct Electrical FCA Deficiencies project (539-15-104) are part of an existing Fire Alarm System, which is manufactured by Honeywell, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) , 3200 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45219.

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

Each new fire alarm device must tie into and communicate with the existing Honeywell Fire Alarm System. Each device in a fire alarm system, whether it's a smoke detector or supervisory switch, constantly communicates with the front end of the fire alarm system. This allows the system to monitor each and every device, so that it cannot only receive alarms, but also can detect failures of the device as well – which is a critical element in any fire alarm system. In addition, the software allows for a graphics package, which displays the floor plans of the entire facility depicting each and every fire alarm device. This allows for fast response in any alarm situation, as the system can tell Fire Fighters and VA Police the exact location of the device in alarm. Besides the fact that software conflicts would make it difficult to impossible for devices by another manufacturer to communicate with the existing Honeywell System, it would void the warranty and the UL Listing of the fire alarm system. A UL Listed Fire Alarm System is a Life Safety Code requirement. Maintaining the warranty and UL Listing of the Fire Alarm System is critical and cannot be jeopardized.

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

As stated above in Paragraph 3, the existing fire alarm system used by the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) is manufactured by Honeywell. Research completed by VAMC Engineering has shown that in the industry, it is standard for each fire alarm system to have their own proprietary software which prohibits communication between different manufacturers. There is just too much at risk from a Life Safety Code Standpoint to attempt to intermingle manufacturers on a Fire Alarm System; the VAMC – Cincinnati, OH has a Honeywell Fire Alarm System, and the recommendation from Engineering that the VAMC – Cincinnati, OH should only add devices to the existing fire alarm system that are manufactured by Honeywell.

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

Market research has been previously conducted for prior projects, concerning this subject. The Honeywell Fire Alarm System is currently in use throughout the entire hospital. A Sources Sought Notice was posted to Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) seeking availability of sources that can provide the Honeywell Fire Alarm System. Six sources responded to the Sources Sought Notice: Marvin Heymann & Associates/US Federal Government Proposal Writing Group + More, Universal Professional Services Inc, SLS Government Funding Solutions, Armcor.com Contractor Capital, INCON, Inc, and Veterans Construction Services. Email notification was received from Veterans Construction Services, Inc. stating that his company is a distributor for Gamewell/FCI Fire Alarm Systems, that Honeywell owns Gamewell/FCI Fire Alarm Systems and Veterans Construction Services is able to provide the Honeywell brand name fire alarm system. INCON, Inc. provided email notification of their Letter of Capability; however it did not mention in their letter that they are a provider of the Honeywell brand name fire alarm system. The remaining companies that provided responses to the Sources Sought Notice were contacted to get a determination if they can provide the Honeywell brand name Fire Alarm System. They all confirmed that they do not manufacture the Honeywell brand name items that were posted on the Sources Sought Notice and they are not authorized Government distributors for the Honeywell brand name items that were posted on the Sources Sought Notice.

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: _____
Title: _____
Facility: _____

Date: 6-15-2015 _____