

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. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID: VA250-15-AP-5181

1A. PROJECT/TASK
No. 539-17-202

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

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

The Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) – Cincinnati, OH Engineering Service is requesting approval to use other than full and open competition to solicit a Brand Name Only Fire Alarm Panel and components for the Fire Alarm Panel manufactured by Honeywell Building Solutions (HBS) for use on Project Number 539-17-202, Upgrade Fire Alarm – FTD. These Honeywell Brand Name items will be used for upgrading the fire alarm system at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Thomas Medical Center, 1000 S. Fort Thomas Ave, Fort Thomas, KY 41075.

The following are the Honeywell Brand Name items that are applicable to this Justification and Approval:

- Part Number XLS140 - Honeywell XLS140 Fire Alarm Panel, Quantity 1
- Part Number NCM-W - Honeywell Network Communications Module, Quantity 1
- Part Number Q7055A1031 – Honeywell Fire Network Adapters, Quantity 1
- Part Number TC809A1059 – Monitoring Modules (common trouble, common alarm, miscellaneous points.), Quantity 3

These alarms will show up as Ft. Thomas common trouble and Ft. Thomas common alarm. A third monitoring module is included for any miscellaneous alarms which can be identified individually.

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

The Honeywell XLS140 Fire Alarm Panel, Fire Network Adapters, Network Communications Module and Monitoring Modules will allow the capability to transmit common trouble and common fire alarm from a non-Honeywell HBS fire alarm system over the VAMC Network to the Honeywell EBI system. These Honeywell Brand Name items has appropriate outputs, modules and programming that will allow the Honeywell HBS system to communicate with the non-Honeywell HBS Fire Alarm provider.

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

The fire alarm system that is to be installed as part of the Upgrade Fire Alarm – FTD project represents a complete replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Fort Thomas Medical Center. Even though this work is being performed at a separate location, the new fire alarm system must communicate to the existing Honeywell HBS Fire Alarm System at the VAMC – Cincinnati, OH. The Honeywell XLS140 Fire Alarm Panel, Fire Network Adapters, Network Communications Module and Monitoring Modules will directly interface with the EBI system that is currently in operation at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) – Cincinnati, OH.

The Honeywell XLS140 will allow transmission and communication of common trouble and common alarm from a non-Honeywell HBS fire alarm system over the VA Network to the Honeywell EBI system at the VAMC – Cincinnati, OH. The non-Honeywell HBS fire alarm provider will offer the appropriate outputs, modules and programming from their system to communicate with the Honeywell HBS system at the VAMC – Cincinnati, OH. This communication between the non-Honeywell HBS fire alarm provided and the Honeywell HBS system does not void the warranty and the UL Listing of the Honeywell HBS 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 since it directly impacts patient care.

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

Market research was conducted by Engineering, the Architect/Engineer (A/E) and Network Contracting Office (NCO) 10 for prior projects concerning this subject. The Honeywell EBI Fire Alarm System is currently being used at the VAMC – Cincinnati, OH.

A Request for Information (RFI) was sent to Honeywell requesting documentation and/or official notification that they own the proprietary rights to manufacture and provide the Honeywell XLS140 Fire Alarm Panel, Honeywell Network Control Module, Honeywell Fire Network Adapter and Honeywell Monitoring Modules. A response with attached Proprietary Documentation was received from Honeywell. The information stated that Honeywell is the exclusive manufacturer and proprietor of the Honeywell XLS140 Fire Alarm Panel and all associated Honeywell brand name products. Honeywell also provided confirmation that they own the proprietary rights to the manufacture of software and hardware for the Honeywell brand name items listed in the Sources Sought Notice (Honeywell XLS140 Fire Alarm Panel, Honeywell Network Control Module, Honeywell Fire Network Adapter and Honeywell Monitoring Modules) and those products must be purchased through a Honeywell Building Solutions (HBS) Branch Office.

A Sources Sought Notice was posted to Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) seeking availability of sources that can provide the Honeywell brand name fire alarm panels, fire network adapters and modules.

The following companies provided responses to the Sources Sought Notice:

- Alarmco, Inc.
1675 N Mitchell St, Boise, ID 83704-6541
- Opcon, Inc.
200 Easy St, Unit E, Carol Stream, IL 60188-2399
- Orion Management, LLC.
8003 Forbes Pl, STE 300, Springfield, VA 22151-2215
- Sources 1 Solutions
7251 Bryan Dairy Rd, Largo, FL 33777-1540

All the companies listed above were contacted to get a determination if they can provide the Honeywell XLS140 Fire Alarm Panel, Network Communications Module, Fire Network Adapters, and Monitoring Modules. All the companies listed above provided their capabilities statement and information stating they were Honeywell authorized distributors of the Honeywell brand name items listed in this Brand Name Justification and Approval. Honeywell Building Solutions (HBS) provided confirmation that these companies are authorized dealers/distributors for the Honeywell brand name items listed in this Sources Sought Notice. HBS also provided confirmation that all authorized Honeywell dealers/distributors must hire HBS as a subcontractor to perform the installation and programming labor of the Honeywell 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: _____
Name: Ronald T. Heidemann
Title: Contracting Officer

Date: 12-02-2015
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