

**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:**

VA251-16-AP-1167

**1A. PROJECT/TASK**

No. N/A

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$113,246.25

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

The services provided by this acquisition is for the annual maintenance of the Rauland Responder 5 system software, including software upgrades, patches, improvements, and revisions. Contractor shall also provide system support to include diagnostic and remediation of software issues. The Government intends to enter a base year plus four (4) one year option contract for these services.

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

The proposed contractor for this requirement is Technology Contracting Services, Inc. (TCSI), DUNS# 014237007, located at 333 Ley Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825-5219. The Rauland Responder 5 system located at the NIHCS is a proprietary nurse call system developed and manufactured by Rauland-Borg, Inc., a division of Lomar Corporation. The system was purchased and installed in FY15 through a competitive task order issued to Thundercat Technology using the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Solution for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP) procurement vehicle. As part of the purchase of the system, the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) provided a five (5) year hardware warranty. A condition of that warranty is that the Government shall not allow any non-OEM trained and certified third-party maintain the system, including hardware and software components. Should the Government utilize non-OEM trained and certified personnel to maintain the system, any hardware components that fail within the next five (5) years will not be eligible for replacement by the OEM.

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

TCSI is the only source for these services as Rauland only trains and certifies third party contractors within specified geographical boundaries. In the case at hand, TCSI has been assigned the geographical area of Fort Wayne, IN and Marion, IN and is the only OEM trained and certified company authorized to work on any Rauland Responder 5 systems within this area.

Rauland allows other third parties to sell their maintenance services, such as three (3) identified contractors (See Section 5) on the NASA SEWP procurement vehicle, however, as TCSI is the local OEM representative in the Northern Indiana area, any contractor awarded this service contract will be required by Rauland to subcontract these services to TCSI. The Contracting Officer has determined that it is inefficient to contract with any of the Contractors on the NASA SEWP vehicle, or any other open market source. It is inefficient in terms of contract administration as it adds an unnecessary layer of communications and monitoring to monitor a prime and their subcontractor for any awarded contract. Furthermore, it is inefficient financially as there is an administrative fee to use the NASA SEWP contract vehicle in addition to any pass through costs added by the prime contractor for little or no value added. While those costs are not quantifiable at this time, it is reasonable to assume that additional costs would be incurred by utilizing the NASA SEWP vehicle and those costs do not provide additional value to the Government. Finally, it is

inefficient in terms of communication as not being able to communicate and work directly with the contractor performing these services in the field may negatively impact the contractor's response time to promptly address emergent and other maintenance-related issues. This is not in the Government's best interests to accept this additional risks considering this nurse call system is such a critical life safety system within the medical center.

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

The Contractor Officer researched the required services using the NASA SEWP procurement vehicle, as the original system was installed using a NASA SEWP contract vehicle. The Contracting Officer found that three (3) possible contractors are capable of providing the services, but given the information provided in Section 4, this would be an inefficient use of Government resources. The three (3) Contractors from the NASA SEWP vehicle are Alvarez & Associates, Four Points Technology, and Red River.

**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. Note: COs are required to make a determination of price reasonableness IAW FAR 13.106-3. See the [Commercial Supply and Service SOP](#) for Price Reasonableness templates.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** Jared Tritle, Contracting Officer, Network 11 Contracting Office