

**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:

VA263-15-AP-11414

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
No.**

636-315

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

[REDACTED]

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

Project calls for all our paging system devices to be EST brand. This includes speakers and all required programming and system update.

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

The EST speakers are part of the fire alarm system. Added fire alarm devices must communicate and function with the existing system to provide full protection in case of a fire within the facility. The smoke detectors must communicate with the system to activate other devices within the system. The smoke/fire door closures must activate upon a signal from another device within the system. Refer to MFPA 72. If a device other than simplex is found to have the capability to communicate and maintain the UL listing of the entire system then it will be considered acceptable. None to date is known to be available.

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

EST was selected by a previous contract bidding process as the paging and fire alarm speaker system for this facility. This project is a minor extension of the existing system and would be cost prohibitive to change.

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

Market research was not completed for this item as it is the selected system for the Medical Center. New Components must tie into an existing, operational system. At this time, there are no competing vendors whose products are fully compatible with our existing system.

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: [Signature]

Date: 12/7/15

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