

**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:** VA258-16-AP-2616

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**  
\$31,131.00

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

The objective of this procurement is a contract for the purchase of Elsevier ENA Computer Based Training (CBT) Services for the Emergency Department Nursing Staff. This procurement is to alleviate the criticism of the triage practices within the ED. The requested CBT's incorporate Triage and Handling Psychiatric Emergencies which with the influx of PTSD cases at the VA is of major importance and concern.

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

The Veterans Health Administration, VISN18, Phoenix VA Health Care System requires a procurement of services/supplies necessary to procure Elsevier ENA Training Software and the usage licenses for the Emergency Department Nursing Staff. This procurement is to alleviate the criticism of the triage practices within the ED. The requested CBT's are the preferred training tools of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and incorporate Triage and Handling Psychiatric Emergencies which, with the influx of PTSD cases at the VA, is of major importance and concern. This training material is required to better train the emergency department nurses in Triage and especially in handling Psychiatric emergencies to preclude further loss of life of our veterans, especially those suffering from PTSD who may be contemplating suicide. This requirement will also help mitigate some of the scrutiny this facility receives from the news media as the staff improves their triage skills to better serve our veterans in the direct patient care of the emergency department. The national epidemic of veteran suicides is tragic and this training course will help better prepare the nursing staff to deal with Psychiatric emergencies and if even on life is saved from a needless suicide, this training will be well worth the effort.

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

The Emergency Nurses Association is the professional organization for emergency nurses. They set the standard of practice for emergency nursing. All other triage education programs look to the ENA standards and guidelines to develop their training. The ENA uses the Elsevier platform to deliver their training. We also use Elsevier for our Mosby's Consult and Mosby's Procedures so it is familiar to the staff. The ENA training was recommended by the Nurse Manager, the ED Educator, and a former ED Nurse Manager as the standard for training ED Nurses. Instead of purchasing individual seats, ENA has unlimited access for as many staff as we want, for one year

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

This requirement was not found on the National Acquisition Center (NAC), nor was it found on GSA e-Library. There was a small business, Fire-Fighter's Bookstore, which has a GSA schedule to carry some of the Elsevier training products. But when an inquiry was sent, they do not carry any of the requested items as part of their product offerings. A search of SBA found 283 SDVOSB or VOSB firms under NAICS 519130, Internet Publishing and Broadcasting and Web Search Portals. None of which can provide the requested CBT's for this requirement. A search of FPDS revealed 335 purchases made using the vendor name Elsevier Inc. as used for the current requirement by the VA from this company. There was a Contract by the Technical Acquisition Center, but when inquired they stated it was for a research and development software not the requested training software. A search of FPDS using PSC code (U009) and NAICS (519130) did not reveal any purchases

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

**Date:** 4/13/2016

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