

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: VA263-16-AP-5384

1A. PROJECT/TASK
No. 636A8-14-002

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

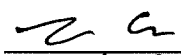
2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: *Johnson Controls, Metasys equipment and installation for monitoring and control of mechanical devices. Existing devices are connected to the Johnson Controls Metasys system and they as well as the new equipment installed under this contract must be connected for monitoring and compliance with Joint Commission requirements.*

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: The existing Building Management System at this medical center is Johnson Controls, Metasys and was established as the standard more than 20 years ago. This system is used for monitoring and control of all HVAC and refrigeration equipment at the medical center and is used for creating reports for compliance with Joint Commission requirements. An alternate system would be acceptable and there are other manufacturers who make similar products, but it would require replacing the entire system at the medical center. The existing system currently has a value in the neighborhood of \$10 million so replacing it for this small addition would not be economically feasible.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: In order for other sources to be used, the entire backbone for the Metasys system would have to be replaced. This would cost millions of dollars. It is more cost effective to add to the existing system then to replace the entire system for every project.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: There are several manufacturers who make similar products including but not limited to Siemens, Honeywell, and Trane. The Trane system is not as robust as the others and may not be able to meet all requirements but the remaining systems are comparable to the Johnson Controls system and would be expected to cost a similar amount. The controls manufacturers have slowly been working towards a standardized backbone infrastructure system but to date they are not entirely compatible and equipment from one will not provide full function compatibilities and operation on another manufacturers system. No other system is compatible with Johnson Controls Metasys.

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: 
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Title: Branch Chief

Date: 3/10/2016
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