

**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:** VA250-16-AP-2646

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

757-16-201

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:** Replacement of existing circuit breakers that have failed testing. Replacement of existing panelboards that are considered to be inadequate based upon fault current calculations of the electrical distribution system. The replacement of the circuit breakers will ensure that the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center's (VAACC) circuitry and electrical distribution network are being fed adequate electrical power. The replacement panelboards are adequately rated to withstand the possible electrical fault current that they could experience in the current system configuration.

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

(2)Eaton MDL Series 800A circuit breaker (50KAIC)

(1)Eaton LGH Series 600A circuit breaker (50KAIC)

(2)Eaton PRL Series 480/277V, 3-phase, 4-wire, 100A MB panelboard (35KAIC)

(1)Eaton PRL Series 480/277V, 3-phase, 4-wire, 225A MB panelboard (35KAIC)

(2)Eaton PRL Series 208/120V, 3-phase, 4-wire, 100A MLO panelboard (22KAIC)

The defective circuit breakers that have failed their trip unit test are to be replaced with new circuit breakers. These circuit breakers will be installed within the existing distribution board which is manufactured by Eaton. In order to maintain UL listings and to insure circuit breaker compatibility, the new circuit breakers installed must be manufactured by Eaton.

Because of existing Eaton Cutler-Hamer electrical infrastructure at the VAACC, to ensure proper reliable electrical distribution, and compatibility among components. New Eaton Cutler Hamer panelboards must be used to replace the inadequate panelboards.

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

As mentioned above in paragraph 3, the existing distribution panelboards are manufactured by Eaton. In order to maintain system listings and system compatibility, any new circuit breakers added to these existing distribution boards must also be manufactured by Eaton and be completely compatible with the existing system. Also, the panelboards being replaced will match the existing panelboards and the existing spare parts which are available for the Eaton panelboards.

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

Market Research was conducted by issuing a Source Sought Notice to the Federal Business Opportunities website. The notice was active for one week. There were no responses to the notice for Eaton equipment.

**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. The Contracting Officer has the expectation on being able to determine the pricing for this item to be fair and reasonable to the government. This expectation is based on the anticipation of receiving at least two bids for this requirement.*

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