

**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:
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
 One (1) Cisco SG300-28MP 24 port managed PoE switch with SFP multimode transceiver.
 Three (3) Cisco SG300-10MPP 8 port managed PoE switch with SFP multimode transceiver.
 One (1) Cisco WS-C3750X-12S-S 12 port aggregation switch with 4 quantity SFP multimode transceivers.

The above listed equipment provides for the Chalmers P Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center's (VAACC) paging system to be split into independent zones, so that pages and speaker volume can independently be controlled in different zones of the VAACC. For example, pages for patients would not be heard on the VAACC's 4th floor (Clinic Administration), and pages the paging system's volume would be louder in public areas of the VAACC. This equipment also allows for pages to be heard in the Engineering Building.

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

The existing clinic network system infrastructure is comprised of Cisco electronics which are managed by the IT staff. The new Cisco equipment listed in section 2 creates a digital paging system that includes the new Engineering Building. In addition, the use of another manufacturer's transceivers increases the possibility for errors and "downtime" from compatibility issues, and increases the likelihood for unforeseen system limitations.

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

It is the industry standard that programming for each network segment (Clinic and Paging) should be uniform. In addition, the VAACC currently has a Cisco based IT network infrastructure. This Cisco equipment is available from multiple vendors.

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. One (1) business claiming to be a VOSB responded and indicated that may be able to supply the Cisco equipment required by this project.

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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