

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1**  
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3K) BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE SAT (\$150K))

IAW FAR 13.104, 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 FAR 13.106-1(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 FAR 13.106-3(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 FAR 13.106-3(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:**

One (1) Transponder IF Module – Allows for two way communication within the building.  
One (1) Digital Audio Riser Module – Communicates water flow alarms to the hub.  
Two (2) Digital Audio Riser Module – Allows for 2 way communication between the buildings.  
One (1) Network media card – Provides voice messaging features to the existing alarm system  
Five (5) Simplex 4098-9714 Smoke detectors – Provides early warning in the event of a possible fire in Building 1A  
Two (2) Simplex 4099-9004 Pull-stations – Allows manual activation of the fire alarm in an isolated part of Building 1A  
One (1) System programming job – Integrates new devices and abilities within the existing fire alarm system  
One (1) Set of system drawings - Provides for correct and efficient installation of additional devices consistent with the manufacturer's intent.

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

Since the existing fire alarm system at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center (VAACC) is manufactured by Simplex, all system programming and system components must be from Simplex. This ensures that the system will be programmed as needed and will be fully functional with all additional devices. Furthermore, Simplex systems are proprietary in that for the necessary hardware and programming to retain their warranties, they must be purchased from Simplex. Therefore, it is recommended that Simplex fire alarm system components and programming be used as designed for this project.

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

The existing fire alarm system used by the VAACC is a Simplex 4100U system. Only Simplex has the capability to program and expand the existing system to accommodate all revisions and additions to the system mentioned above. Additionally, only Simplex fire alarm devices (smoke detectors and pull stations) can be used on the Simplex system. Simplex will not support other manufacturer devices on their proprietary system.

**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 Simplex 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.*

Donald P.

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