

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. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER:

539-15-4-6070-1618

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

539-15-501

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: Honeywell Fire Alarm EBI Life Safety version R430 software and workstations. The Honeywell EBI Life Safety version R430 consists of new software, workstations, servers and monitors. These new items would be used with the existing Honeywell Fire Alarm System at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), 3200 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45220. The Honeywell Fire Alarm is part of the Upgrade Fire Alarm project for VAMC, Project Number 539-15-501.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: Honeywell Building Solutions owns the proprietary rights to the manufacture, distributorship, software and installation of the Honeywell EBI UL system and its products. The EBI UL devices that are to be installed under this project represent an upgrade of the existing Fire Alarm System at the Cincinnati VAMC facility. As such, each new device must tie into and communicate with the existing Facility Fire Alarm System, which is manufactured by Honeywell Building Solutions.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE

SUPPLIES OR SERVICES: Accordingly, Honeywell Building Solutions is the only firm capable of providing the supplies and services described in Section III above without the Veteran's Health Administration experiencing substantial duplication of cost that could not be expected to be recovered through competition and unacceptable delays in fulfilling its requirements. Due to the risk of liability related to any life system, Honeywell Building Solutions requires that all Honeywell Building Solutions be supplied, installed and maintained by Honeywell Building Solutions certified technicians. This ensures that the system has met all and Honeywell requirements. Each device in a fire alarm system, whether it's a smoke detector or supervisory switch, constantly communicates with the front end of the fire alarm system. This allows the system to monitor each and every device, so that it cannot only receive alarms, but also can detect failures of the device as well – which is a critical element in any fire alarm system. In addition, the software allows for a graphics package, which displays the floor plans of the entire facility depicting each and every fire alarm device. This allows for fast response in any alarm situation, as the system can tell Fire Fighters and VA Police the exact location of the device in alarm. Besides the fact that software conflicts would make it difficult to impossible for devices by another manufacturer to communicate with the existing Honeywell System, it would void the warranty and the UL Listing of the fire alarm system.

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

CONDUCTED: A sources sought notice (intent to sole source) was posted to Federal Business Opportunity (FBO) indicating the Cincinnati VAMC was to procure the EBI Life Safety version R430 from Honeywell Building Solutions and to seek the availability of any other possible sources. The sources sought notice was posted on September 9, 2015. The sources sought number is VA250-15-N-0425. The sources sought was issued as a request for information only and the purpose was to identify any and all possible available sources that could provide the brand name EBI Life Safety version R430. No responses were received.

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.*

Signature: _____

Date: 11-06-2015

Name: Ronald T. Heidemann

Title: Contracting Officer

Facility: VAMC-Cincinnati