

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3.5K) 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:
636-16-3-5066-0149

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

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:

Firm-fixed price sole source base plus 4 option year purchase order to Alvarez & Associates for Nuance Communications Inc. Vera Analyzer software license for the Omaha VA Health Care System. This procurement is to renew the software license that the Omaha VA utilized back in 2014-2015 and also includes yearly consulting. The software is utilized to optimize the amount of General Purpose funding allocated to Omaha under the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (VERA) Funding Model along with professional services in the form of training.

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

The Omaha VA has a requirement for a Vera Analyzer Automated software license. This software is specifically designed to optimize the amount of General Purpose funding allocated to NWI under the VERA funding model. The VERA analysis software will help NWI ensure its patients are classified properly. The Patient Classification System is largely predicated on data extracted from existing information systems developed by Nuance Communications Inc. Nuance is also the developer of the Vera Analyzer Automated software, which is based on proprietary information that enables seamless integration with the existing information systems. No other vendors' software is compatible with the existing Nuance information systems. Nuance was contacted as the manufacture of the software and they verified that Alvarez & Associates are the only authorized distributor for the software.

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

Nuance the manufacture of the Vera Analyzer Automated software was contacted and they verified by email on 8/18/16 that Alvarez & Associates is the only authorized distributor of their software. VetBiz was researched and verified that Alvarez is a SDVOSB. Sam was researched and verified that Alvarez is a small business under NAICS code 54159.

5. 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:
Name:

Title: Contracting Officer
NCO: NCO 23 - STC