

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:

VA250-16-AP-3522

1A. PROJECT/TASK No.

757-16-101

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$31,570.00

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

Twenty Four (24) Simplex Alarm Speaker Strobes – Allows for audio and visual alarm of a fire in Building 1A to occupants

Fourteen (14) Simplex Alarm Strobes – Allows for visual alarm of a fire in Building 1A to occupants

Two (2) Simplex Duct Smoke Detectors – Provides early warning in the event of a possible fire in Building 1A

Two (2) 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) Temporary system connection to SPS trailer – Allows addressable monitoring of the SPS trailer fire alarm system while in use

One (1) Simplex tamper switch valve monitoring connection for temporary fire service piping to SPS trailer.

One (1) System programming job – Integrates new devices and abilities within the existing fire alarm system to accommodate expanded system

One (1) Set of system drawings - Provides for correct and efficient installation of additional devices consistent with the manufacturer's intent, as well as consistent record keeping, battery calculations, and voltage drop within fire alarm system cabling

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. 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.

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: _____

Date: 08-25-2016

Name: Donald P. Tam

Title: Contracting Officer NCO: 10