

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: 600-16-668-0877	1A. PROJECT/TASK No.	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$29,752.00
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
 This requirement was submitted as an emergency and there is an Urgent and Compelling reason for issuing an award to Siemens Medical Solutions USA, dba Nuclear Systems Group (hereinafter "Nuclear"). This is an emergency repair service and parts of a Magnetic Resonance Image (MRI) Unit for the VA Long Beach Healthcare System (VALBHS). Having an MRI machine not working affects patient care.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:
 In accordance with FAR 13.106(b)(1)(i), Nuclear is the only company that can provide the required service. Nuclear is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and is the only authorized service provider and maintain propriety rights to the MRI unit. No other source is known for the repair, replacement of the parts and has technical skills that meet the manufacturer's specifications. The MRI unit needs the control board, frequency converter, power supply and backplane assembly to be repaired to correct the table issues affecting the MRI unit from functioning properly.

Nuclear is very familiar with VALBHS complex site and they have responded at a moment's notice to provide services for other types of emergencies that have transparent at the VA facility that required their expertise. Nuclear is familiar and knows how to follow the standard safety precautions per industry standards. Nuclear has provided professional, quality and dependable services previously to the VALBHS. In addition, having another vendor repair the MRI unit will affect the warranty on the MRI unit.

Nuclear technicians are the only ones that have access to the company's proprietary hardware and software, without this access the unit cannot be properly repaired and maintained. Due to the proprietary nature of the equipment, only employees of Nuclear are authorized to provide parts and service.

Nuclear is being requested without competition at this time due to the emergent need. Therefore, it is determined to be in the best interest of the Government to issue Nuclear a purchase order to provide the services requested and not to affect patient care.

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

A search using FPDS, GSA eLibrary, VetBiz and Google revealed that Nuclear is the only company capable of providing the repair service, necessary parts and technical skills to repair the MRI unit.

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. Nuclear is determined to be responsible as indicated in their SAMS report and their proposal submitted is in line with the Independent Government Cost Estimate. Overall the price submitted is the best value and has been determined to be fair and reasonable to the Government.

Signature: _____

Date: August 24, 2016

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Title: Contracting Officer

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