

**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 #: 618-16-3-6977-0092	1A. PROJECT/TASK #: 618-15-133	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$59,940.00
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2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**
Construction: Bldg. 69 Air Make-Up replacement Project # 618-15-133 all labor, materials and equipment to accomplish the "Bldg. 69 Air Make-Up replacement" project per construction drawings and specifications. Work consists of but not limited to general construction.

3. **UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:** This is a Woman Owned SDVOSB. This will help achieve the Department of Veterans Affairs socio-economic goals including women-owned small business.

4. **REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:**
This complies with FAR 6.302-5 Authorized Sole source awards under the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003. This is a startup woman owned business.

5. **DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**
A search of the Dynamic Small Business Search system was conducted. Search terms were: "women-owned," "Minnesota," and "NAICS 236220." The search produced a list of 11 potential firms. A second search of the Vet Biz database showed that two of the firms were verified as SDVOSBs: Allarea Contractors and Midwest Select Contracting. Allarea is a known, established firm, one of the current VISN 23 MATOC contract holders. The only other firm, Midwest Select Contracting, LLC, is a start-up.

Per: Acq Flash 13-04 for Sole Source PPM 2013-01

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6. THE NUMBER OF SDVOSBs AND VOSBs REVIEWED

Eleven (11)

7. An explanation why only one of the firms can accomplish the requirement;

Public Law 109-461 authorizes Contracting Officers to sole source awards to Veteran Owned Small Businesses. In this specific situation, the contractor is a newly organized, woman-owned, service disabled veteran owned small business. Supporting this new business using the authority of PL 109-461 is in the best interest of the Government and serves the public trust by helping to develop a capable veteran-owned construction resource.

8. Documentation of the basis of price reasonableness;

Before award Contracting Officer will determine price reasonableness

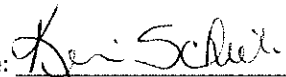
9. An explanation for finding the sole source procurement is in the best interest of the government;

Midwest Select Contracting, LLC, is a start-up Woman Owned SDVOSB by helping to develop a capable veteran-owned construction resource is in the best interest of the government and helps the Department of Veterans Affairs meet socio-economic goals

10. An explanation for selection of the contractor, which will allow the approving official to make a reasonable determination regarding whether a sole source procurement is appropriate.

By selecting Midwest Select Contracting, LLC, a start-up Woman Owned SDVOSB. As women-owned small business increase in number, the long-term intention is to reduce sole source awards and compete appropriate contracts as woman- owned SDVOSB set-asides.

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: 3-01-16

Name: Kevin Schieber

Title: Engineering Technician

Facility: VISN 23

Signature: _____

Date: 3-2-2016

Name: Joseph Embry

Title: Contracting Officer

Facility: NCO23