

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. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:

VA69D-16-AP-2785

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

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$141,840.00

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

BedMasterEx Alarm System

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

The Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) located in North Chicago, IL, has the requirement for a BedMasterEx system, server, and software with support options in order to be able to capture, store, and display waveform, alarm, vital signs, and other physiologic information from the existing GE patient monitoring network. This information needs to be stored indefinitely for retrospective review by clinical providers regardless of their location within the facility. The facility currently does not have this capability which is unique to the BedMasterEx. The system is capable of interfacing with the DSS Integration Framework for delivery of data to and from VistA/CPRS and VistA Imaging. The ICU of FHCC carries GE Patient Bedside Monitoring systems to which BedMasterEx for VistA has exclusive licensing for a patient monitor interface with automatic data acquisition application. This upgrade will allow Cardiologists at FHCC to use the detailed ECG information provided by this system and make improved clinical decisions for VA patients. Additionally, this product will allow for secure connectivity to the information from any computer on the VA network, thus enhancing accessibility and improving decision-making speed and precision based on the acquired physiologic information.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:

Achieving clinical alarm monitoring is a National Patient Safety Goal and is covered and supported under FHCC Joint Policy # 000-2014-00 Clinical Alarm Management that specifically establishes policy and responsibilities that ensures awareness, safe use, and effective response to clinical alarms within the facility. The Clinical Inventory of Alarms will be reviewed annually or when replacement equipment is placed into service or there is a change in the physical environment of the patient care area in which the equipment is used. The audibility of the alarms identified on the Clinical Inventory is reported on an annual basis to the Executive Committee of Medicine. High risk areas Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Emergency Department (ED), and Surgery will have parameters and defaults approved by the Chief of Services. The BedMasterEx system is one that currently exists within VISN 12, including the Clement J. Zablocki and Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Centers.

It is determined this procurement will be fulfilled via open market sole source to a small business (NAICS 334510). IAW FAR 13.106-3(a)(2), proposed price is deemed to be fair and reasonable according to previous purchases of the product, current Government pricelists, and further market research.

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

Market research included browsing the NAC MedSurg catalog, previous purchases of the product, and having normal correspondence with the prospective contractor. Market Research revealed that Federal Government purchases of BedMasterEx products may only be made through Excel Medical Electronics, Inc., and no other source.

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. 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:** _____

Name: Alea Barnes

Title: Branch Chief - Equipment **NCO:** 12