

**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:**

VA256-16-AP-10250

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

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$140,000

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

This is an IDIQ contract for nursing home services. It is estimated that approximately \$140,000 in orders will be placed over the life of this IDIQ contract VA256-17-D-0003, from 11/1/2016-10/31/2019. The contractor is Mitchell's Nursing Home at 501 West 10th St., Danville, Arkansas.

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

Since a veteran placement in a nursing home requires a geographic closeness to the family of the patient to maintain necessary quality of care for the veteran. Placing a veteran in a nursing home in the vicinity of his/her family and friends meets the unique requirement exception to fair opportunity under the FAR and is authorized by VHA Handbook 1143.2. In this particular circumstance it is in the best interest of the veteran to be placed near his/her family. It was determined that competition would not be appropriate because the uniqueness test for an exception to "fair opportunity" is met when the veteran and the veteran's family select (on a sole source basis) Mitchell's Nursing Home-a location near family, so no competition is required for quality of care reasons.

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

Further market research is not necessary for the reasons stated above. It was determined that competition would not be appropriate because the uniqueness test for an exception to "fair opportunity" is met when the veteran and the veteran's family select (on a sole source basis) a nursing home in a particular geographic location near family, so no competition is required for quality of care reasons.

**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:** 10/31/2016  
**Name:** Orelia N. Parker  
**Title:** Contracting Officer  
**NCO:** 16