

**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.

<b>1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:</b> VA69D-16-AP-7155	<b>1A. PROJECT/TASK No.</b> 578-17-1-969-0027	<b>1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:</b> \$36,101.59
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**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**  
Fifteen (15) HP Switches for the network infrastructure for the GE Patient Monitoring Network.

- Three (3): Config1 (HP) 24-Port Switch.
- One (1): Config1 (HP) 48-Port Switch.
- One (1): Config1 (HP) Fiber Switch.
- Ten (10): Config1 (HP) SFP.

- Design, Install, and Commissioning services to be included.  
- Removal of existing 3Com switches

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

Components of the network infrastructure for the GE patient monitoring standalone network (3COM switches) are no longer available for purchase or repair parts. These switches need to be upgraded to HP switches, which are far more reliable and sustainable. The network infrastructure is what allows the patient monitors at the bedside to display and communicate with the central stations at the nurses' stations. The switches will be required to be installed in the GE monitoring closets on the various nursing units.

The requested network equipment for the existing GE Patient Monitoring system and must be installed by GE, as the installation requires proprietary configuration and interfacing with existing GE equipment. The equipment must be as specified in the quote or it will not be compatible with the existing system.

**4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**  
The IGCE for this requirement (\$36,101.59) dictates the Non-Manufacturer Rule is applicable. Market research indicates the following:

The manufacturer (GE) advised that as this requirement is considered a service/replacement part; the only time that the GE distributors would qualify for this requirement, is when it is considered capital equipment. GE does not work with any SDVOSB or VOSB business which could provide the requirement in this case.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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