

**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:** VA250-16-AP-5258

**1A. PROJECT/TASK No.**  
757-16-102

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:** Replacement, specialized circuit breakers to support the replacement of the existing analog CCTV system with a digital system at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center (VAACC).

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

(1)Eaton QBHW Series 100A circuit breaker 22K Available Interrupting Capacity (AIC) [REDACTED]

(1)Eaton Eaton PRL Series 208/120V, 3-phase, 4-wire, 100A MB panelboard (22K AIC) [REDACTED]

The current circuit breakers are inadequate for the task. The new circuit breakers will be installed within a new distribution board, which is manufactured by Eaton Cutler-Hammer. In order to maintain UL listings and to insure circuit breaker compatibility, the new circuit breakers and panel board must be manufactured by Eaton Cutler-Hammer.

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

As mentioned above in paragraph 3, the existing distribution panelboards are manufactured by Eaton Cutler-Hammer. In order to maintain system listings and system compatibility, any new circuit breakers added to these existing distribution boards must also be manufactured by Eaton and be completely compatible with the existing system.

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

Market research was not done, because technical research from the A/E has indicated for the reasons stated above, Eaton Cutler-Hammer circuit breakers are required for this project. However, recently published sources sought notices from similar projects indicate that the Eaton Cutler-Hammer circuit breakers and panel boards can be acquired through a large network of resellers, and distributors.

**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.*

Donald P. Tam

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