

(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 NUMBER: 757-17-1-749-0002	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER 757-16-102	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: [REDACTED]
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**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**

- (1) Simplex 4090-9002 Relay IAM [REDACTED]  
(1) Simplex labor charge to install relay [REDACTED]  
(1) System Programming [REDACTED]

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

The Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center (VAACC) is currently using the Simplex Grinnell TrueAlarm Fire Alarm Controls Fire System Model 4100U. The entire system is proprietary. No other manufacturer's relay and programming can ensure that the new access controlled door to be installed as part of the project, will unlock properly in the event of a fire alarm.

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

The VAACC is currently using the Simplex Grinnell TrueAlarm Fire Alarm Controls Fire System Model 4100U. The relay and programming are specialized and proprietary items and can only be acquired from Simplex Grinnell.

**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, that only Simplex Grinnell relays will work in the Simplex Grinnell fire system. In addition, market place reaction to recently published sources sought notices (from other construction projects), indicate that Simplex Grinnell components can only be acquired through Simplex Grinnell.

**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:** 522751  
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**Facility:** NCO 10

**Date:** 11-07-2016