

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. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER:
509-17-1-4141-0002

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
NUMBER**

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
\$147,623.33

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

An August 2014 VISN and VHACO visit to the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center (CNVAMC) identified an urgent need for critical and rapid action to be taken to address culture change at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center. Specifically, leadership seeks specialized consultation to significantly and quickly improve nurse/physician collaboration and address lateral violence. The consultation will expand to include the CCU, ED, SCI, and 6D units, as well as a follow-up with the staffs from the piloted program of 2015. The four phases will be over approximate 4 month period. This includes various formats such as education sessions, focus groups, individual sessions, and a train-the-trainer workshop etc.

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

HRS Consulting is the only vendor who is able to provide specialized consultation and education in Nurse-Physician collaboration and lateral violence. They use various formats such as education sessions, focus groups, individual sessions, and a train-the-trainer workshop to rapidly facilitate collegial relationships by building a foundation of trust, respect, and teamwork between nurses and physicians by raising awareness, providing practical confrontation and conflict management skills, and hardwiring communication competency into the system. Also, the consultation team will be led by Kathleen Bartholomew and John Nance who are both published authors. Ms. Bartholomew is a subject matter expert on lateral violence and Mr. Nance is a subject matter expert on nurse-physician collaboration. Finally, HRS Consulting utilizes unit specific individual mentoring strategies geared towards middle management.

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

Addressing culture change through improvement in nurse-physician collaboration and lateral violence is an urgent action item that CNVAMC leadership is required to address per a VHACO and VISN joint consultative visit in August 2014.

No other vendor able to provide the specialized consultation and education services required by CNVAMC. Market research showed general management consultant but not specialized consultants that address both nurse-physician collaboration and lateral violence.

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

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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: 

Name: LAURINDA MILLAGE

Title: Supervisory Contracting officer

Facility: 509

Date: 12/7/2016