

**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:**

**1A. PROJECT NUMBER**

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

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

The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) currently has an ongoing requirement for the supply of medical-grade bulk oxygen to be delivered to SAVAHCS. This action will be a follow on sole source bridge contract with a 12 month period of performance awarded to Airgas USA IAW FAR 6.302-1 Only One Responsible Source. The requirement was originally awarded via the Western States Network Consortium (WSNC) national contracts for the distribution and supply of medical-grade liquid bulk oxygen that expired 30 September 2016. The current delivery order that was awarded against this WSNC National Contract expires on 28 Feb 2017. This action will provide timely uninterrupted service until the WSNC has a new National Contract in place and a long term contract can be competed.

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:** Due to ongoing protests against the WSNC National Contract Requirement to provide Medical-Grade Bulk Oxygen to the WSNC VA Facilities orders cannot be currently placed against the WSNC Contract. This sole source justification is required IAW FAR 6.302-1 so that the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) can remain open to provide critical patient care required and needed. Due to the tight timeline of getting a follow-on contract in place the incumbent is the only source capable of meeting the urgency of the requirement because they already have bulk oxygen tanks installed on the premises. A Notice of Intent to Sole Source was posted to FBO from 2/10/17 to 2/16/17 and resulted in zero responses.

**4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:** The current contractor, Air Liquide (Airgas), has been providing the services at the SAVAHCS for the past 7 years and has Bulk Oxygen Tanks already installed and operational. Any deviation from this would result in the facility having to shut down until a permanent contract can be awarded after the protests are satisfied and a follow on contract can be awarded. Based on this a sole source award to Airgas IAW FAR 6.302-1 is in the best interest of the government and patient care.

**5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:** A Notice of Intent to Sole Source was posted to FBO from 2/10/17 to 2/16/17 and resulted in zero responses. Market research is currently being performed to open up the requirement for full and open competition on the long term follow-on contract.

**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

Date:02/23/2017

Name:

Title: Branch Chief Supply 2

Facility:NCO 18 Contracting