JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION DUE TO SOLE SOURCE REQUIREMENT

REQUIRED INFORMATION

1. FACILITY NUMBER-NAME- CITY, STATE: ***636A6 Central Iowa Healthcare, Des Moines, IA***

2. VISN OR PROGRAM ACTIVITY: ***23***

3. POC NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: ***Steven Long 515-699-5914***

4. PROPOSED ACTION: Sole Source Procurement of ***COMMODITY***

5. DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT: **Acquisition of Simplex manual pull stations and horn/strobe combination units plus associated communication wiring. The following Simplex products will be purchased: (20) manual pull stations and (40) horn/strobe combination units.**

   - Supplies/Equipment: Technical Characteristics can include, but are not limited to model, make, part number, color, size, quantity, delivery date, etc. Services: Refer to the statement of work, statement of objective, or performance work statement for your description.

6. STATUTORY AUTHORITY PERMITTING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION: ***Only One Responsible Source Available***

   - FAR 13.106-1(B) SAP Requirements – Soliciting From a Single Source

   - This is a reference to the part of the Federal Acquisition Regulation that allows an item to be purchased without being fully competed. This statement serves as a point of reference in case the justification is questioned. In this case, it would be reviewed for its relativity to this part of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

7. NATURE & BACKGROUND OF ACQUISITION TO JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE: **The existing fire detection system was manufactured by Simplex. The installation of this system was awarded competitively. This system has been in use for more than 10 years and has become the standard for fire detection systems throughout the medical center. This standard was established at the time the Simplex system was first procured.The use of simplex products in the expansion of our fire alarm system is essential to the Governments requirement.**

   - Describe the minimum salient characteristics that will meet your needs. This is the area where you explain why no other vendor anywhere can supply this requirement for you. Acceptable reasons for "sole source" include (but are not limited to): bound by contract, technical order specification, warranty service, or regional standardization. If the reason for sole source is determined locally, offer what market research or clinical guidelines led to the decision. If this item is included in an allowance standard for War Reserve Materiel (WRM), cite the allowance standard, required source, and stock number for this item. NOTE FOR WRM PURCHASES: The Defense Logistics Agency is your primary source for WRM equipment. Be sure to determine availability from a DLA item manager before contracting for WRM equipment. If DLA cannot meet your timelines for WRM equipment, your urgency may be further justification for other than full and open competition. See your Medical Logistics Flight Commander for more details.

8. PROVIDE INFORMATION SHOWING MARKET RESEARCH WAS CONDUCTED: **Numerous local and internet vendors can provide these products.** See paragraph 7.

   - This justification is for why no other vendor anywhere can supply your item or service and still meet your needs. Your rationale for barring other vendors is crucial to your justification. If you already cited the statutory reason for a sole source, state, "See paragraph 7". If your rationale for a sole source purchase was determined locally, offer an explanation of the source selection process you went through to determine your sole source requirement. Unacceptable reasons include (but are not limited to) personal taste, good relationship with existing vendor, or one's comfort level with a particular vendor.

- Describe the similarities and differences in vendors for the product that you are aware of that could assist or prevent the purchaser from obtaining the best value for you. Be sure to name the vendors. This section will help the purchaser decide which vendors are available to purchase this item from. If market research was not conducted, state it AND the reason that there was no market research.

9. PRICE ANALYSIS "FAIR AND REASONABLE": **This equipment will be purchased as part of a construction project which is being competed via Invitation for Bid. Each bidder will be responsible for ensuring the price is fair and reasonable.**

- This section is mandatory. Do not leave this section blank. Even though this must be purchased from only one source, you must still obtain a quote from the vendor for this purchase. This way you are able to verify added costs for delivery, your geographic region, or installation. Cite the pricing here. If you purchased this item before, compare this price to what you paid last time. Cite this here as well.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS REQUIREMENT: ***N/A***

- Enter or attach contact information for sources you cited in the description of your source selection. If sole source by statute, regulation, or standard, list contact information for that source here.

11. FUTURE ACTION TO OVERCOME BARRIER TO OTFOC: **VISN 23, Des Moines Division only uses brand name products when necessary and competes all other requirements.**

- This section fulfills the legal requirement to affirm that the selection of a singular source for this requirement is an anomaly and that action will be taken in the future to ensure full competition in the future. The reason this is needed is to describe how the government will make an effort in the future to fully comply with standard acquisition practices and not resort to creating unnecessary partnerships with few vendors at the risk barring full competition to circumvent the FAR. By signing this, you are telling the contracting officer to avoid the processes that assure best value and fairness in this acquisition. If the reason for sole source purchase is because of statute, standard, or regulation, enter "THE SOURCE FOR THIS PURCHASE IS REQUIRED IAW [cite the standard here].

SUBMITTED BY:	SIGNED BY:
Signature:	Signature: Cynthia Cabo
Department/Requestor	Warranted Contracting Officer
Date: 2 Feb 12	Date: 2/20/12

APPROVED BY:

Signature: _____

NCM or Product Line Supervisor

Date: _____

Note: Anything that is over 500K will need to strictly follow the SOP J&A Attachment.