

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)
(OVER MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD(\$3.5K) 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:

VA69D-17-AP-2605

**1A. PROJECT/TASK
No.**

695-17-106

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$26,000

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

This product, Siemens Cerberus Pyrotronics System is the only product that allows for a single fire alarm system to be used throughout the Milwaukee facility. The new duct smoke detectors and key switches will interface directly with the existing campus-wide Pyrotronics Fire Alarm System. This project requires the contractor to tie-into this proprietary fire alarm system and therefore sole source materials and equipment are required. The Milwaukee VA Medical Center currently has the Cerberus Pyrotronics System as the campus-wide fire alarm system.

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

The fire alarm system will activate alarms within the building to alert occupants that assistance may be required. Installation of a system that interfaces properly with the existing system will ensure patient safety is maintained at the highest level. Additionally, installation of components that match the existing fire alarm system minimizes maintenance costs and bench stock requirements. No other system will integrate with the existing fire protection system. It is necessary to match the existing system to ensure there are no interface problems and that system operation and maintenance is maintained to ensure patient and worker safety.

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

No other system has been identified that offers a seamless integration with the existing system.

5. 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.*

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

NCO: _____