

JUSTIFICATION FOR LIMITED SOURCES 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:

VA260-17-AP-2686

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

663-17-3-567-0023

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$46,540.20

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: The Veterans Affairs (VA) Puget Sound Health Care System requires an immediate regulated medical waste removal and disposal on the sharps needle box containers at the Seattle Division and American Lake Division. Seattle Division requires twice weekly service between the hours of 7:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Sunday; while American Lake Division requires once weekly service between the hours of 7:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Sunday. The contract on this service expired on March 31, 2017. The impact to patient health, welfare and safety is significant. Outsourcing these services would be very costly and result in unacceptable environmental delays to patient services.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY LIMITED SOURCES, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: Market research indicates that only Stericycle, Inc. can provide this service given the geographic and time sensitive nature of the service. The specific reason for restricting competition is an urgent and compelling need for a short term emergency bridge contract. There is not enough time to conduct a proper full open-market competition because the contract has expired. A full and open competitive procurement will be processed, and an RFQ will be issued. Stericycle, Inc. is the previous provider, is the only source that can provide for our urgent requirement, and ensure the VA has uninterrupted continuation of this service.

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: This is an emergency requirement which was necessary for patient health, welfare and safety to minimize interruption of veteran care. Due to the proprietary terms and conditions, Stericycle, Inc. is the only vendor with the capability to perform these services. With no known alternate sources for this service, and the urgency of the requirement not allowing for the posting of a sources sought notice, no additional market research was conducted.

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: _____

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