

**JUSTIFICATION FOR BRAND NAME 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 or a limited number of responsible sources for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold or . COs may solicit from one source, or limited type of supplies or services, 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 or brand name awards IAW [FAR13.106-3\(b\)\(3\)](#).

**1. ACQUISITION PLAN**

**ACTION ID:** VA259-17-AP-5209

**1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER**

None

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

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

Portable 500kW Cummins generator set for back-up power to the facility or boiler plant if a failure occurs.

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

Currently all generators at the Grand Junction VAMC are Cummins. The VAMC currently has a service and maintenance contract with Cummins for all on-site generators. Due to the proprietary items such as the electronic control cards and programming, no other company would be able to get the necessary software to reprogram the generator controls after a repair. Cummins is located in the immediate area, so they are able to complete emergent repairs. The current service and maintenance contract would not cover any other generator brands, requiring a new, separate contract. The second contract would be a duplication of costs that could not be expected to be recovered through competition.

**4. SUGGESTED MANUFACTURER INFORMATION (Contractor Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Telephone Number)**

Rocky Mountain Cummins LLC, 731 Scarlet Drive, Grand Junction, CO, 81505. #970-683-6501.

**5. REASON THAT SUGGESTED MANUFACTURER IS THE ONLY BRAND, WHICH WILL MEET THE MINIMUM NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENT:**

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

Due to proprietary issues, only Cummins was contacted for market research.