

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: Planning UID: VHA-17-057455	1A. PROJECT/TASK No. 238	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
 Contractor to provide services to integrate existing and install new fire detection and fire alarm control components to meet the requirements of Project 238 and applicable VA design guides for HVAC and Fire protection.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:
 The unique features of the SimplexGrinnell fire detection are critical for the success of the Improve Isolation rooms Project. The facility's current fire detection/alarm control systems are provided and maintained by SimplexGrinnell. The new systems/components must fully integrate into the existing to maintain the integrity of the facility's fire protection and building security systems. SimplexGrinnell fire detection/alarm systems and components are currently installed throughout the facility and are linked to a central system. The software system is proprietary and all components must be compatible with existing system. All software modifications and updates must be performed by SimplexGrinnell. SimplexGrinnell must install and certify all related components in order to maintain integrity and operation of existing system.

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:
 The requiring activity has performed market research and SimplexGrinnell is the only company that can provide this product and service. There are no other companies authorized to work on SimplexGrinnell products.

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: Everett Shaver 613862
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Title: Contracting Officer **NCO:** 04

Date: 4/13/2017