

**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.

<b>1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:</b> Planning UID: VHA-17-057455	<b>1A. PROJECT/TASK</b> No. 238	<b>1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:</b>
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**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**  
Contractor to provide new automatic temperature control (ATC) system to control temperature, pressure, air volume and humidity in renovated HVAC system to meet the requirements of as defined in Design portion of contract. All renovated work must be integrated into the facility's existing Metasys® building automation system.

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:**  
Johnson Controls ATC systems and components are currently installed throughout the hospital and are linked to the facility's Metasys® building automation system. In order to maintain existing warranties, Johnson Controls must install and certify all new installations and must make all software modifications and updates. Johnson Controls is the only company that can provide this product and service. There are no other companies authorized to work on Johnson Controls products.

**4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:** The requiring activity has performed market research and has identified other sources which can provide ATC systems and building automation systems. However, the facility already has in place an existing building automation system. It would not be cost-effective for the facility to install infrastructure for a new system or to maintain multiple systems. Also, the cost of installing and maintaining a system to convert the output from a different ATC system into the Metasys® system would outweigh any potential upfront savings realized by using a different system. There is also the possibility that future software updates could cause a situation where the two differing systems can no longer interface with each other. Temperature and humidity control in a healthcare facility is critical to patient safety; therefore, the risks associated with conversion problems would outweigh any potential cost savings.

**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.*

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