

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:

589-17-1-1792-0014

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

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$144,044.00

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

Expand TeleICU to their PCU alongside the installation of TeleICU in their SICU and MICU. This audio visual equipment enables greater collaboration, as multiple clinicians are capable of viewing the same room simultaneously and allows all users in a session to both speak and hear from multiple locations.

Equipment includes monitor, camera, speaker / microphone, web portal, eLert button.

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

VISN 23 has implemented a Virtual ICU to enable improved patient care through remote intensivist expertise and alerting algorithms based upon large population patient management experience. This coverage currently exists for approximately 150 ICU beds that include VISN 23, 20, and 15. The Audio/Visual equipment uses bidirectional communication from each bedside to the virtual ICU core that is co-located at the Minneapolis VAHCS, Iowa City VAHCS, and Hines VA.

VISN 15 currently has 19 units that were installed in FY16;

- 8 in SICU
- 10 in MICU
- 1 in Resident's Room

An additional 12 units is needed and the equipment needs to be able to interface with Phillips proprietary Tele ICU Software(eCareManager)

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

A search of VETBIZ using NAICS Code 517911 and keywords

- TeleConference – showed 2 SDVOSB Vendors – Both were unverified
- Phillips – Showed Zero Results
- FBO shows that an award was made to Philips on May 4th 2016, (VA263-16-C-0059). Yorktel is the only authorized small distributor of Phillips

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: 184054
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