

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE 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 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. PURCHASE REQUEST OR REQUISITION NUMBER: 600-17-3-5667-0568	1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$33,750.00
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USES:
The VA Long Beach Healthcare System has an urgent requirement to install and integrate additional components for their Nurse Call System in the Radiology Department.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED: VA Long Beach utilizes the Rauland Responder nurse call systems throughout their medical center to provide two-way audio signaling between nurses and patients, as well as providing a means of communication between the nursing staff. The system is a proprietary system manufactured by Rauland-Borg Corporation who has authorized distributors throughout the country. Attempting to retrofit other components into the current system would likely result in unacceptable delays as vendors attempted to integrate their components, and undue risk due to potential incompatibility.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:
A query of Rauland-Borg on their authorized distributors indicated that Responder Systems Corp (a division of Ametek who is the parent company of Rauland-Borg) was their sole distributor for the Los Angeles and San Diego area.

5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED: Market research was conducted utilizing the internet to gather information on the Rauland Responder systems, to gain information on authorized distributors, to review previous acquisition history, and to see if any potential distributors were VOSB or SDVOSB vendors.

6. 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.*

Signature: _____
Name: MARIA CRUZ-THOMPSON
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Facility: NCO 22

Date: 05/04/2017