

JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE 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:

VA24717N0476

1A. PROJECT/TASK NUMBER

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:

\$51,214

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

The Staff Personal Protective Equipment Cache is designed to enable healthcare professionals to treat a rapid surge of patients in response to the incident. The Staff Personal Protective Equipment Pan-Flu Cache Module includes supplies used to reduce staff exposure to hazards within a medical environment. The Pan-Flu Cache module is intended to be utilized during an influenza pandemic and includes support for children to adults. It is intuitively organized and ready to become part of a Response-Friendly™ all-hazard emergency stockpile. It includes 13 Response-Ready Containers, N95 masks, surgical masks with face shield, gowns, gloves, glasses, and more.

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

Healthcare professionals cannot effectively and efficiently respond to a surge of patients with the "typical" PPE Cache. Standard "off the shelf" boxes do not meet the capability requirements or functionality for an efficient medical response. Therefore, VeriCor designed the Response-Friendly™ PPE Cache as a comprehensive solution to this universal issue. The VeriCor design team understands that emergency preparedness budgets are tight and programs are understaffed and overtasked. The Response-Friendly™ PPE Cache addresses these challenges by offering a manageable, highly-organized, sustainable, ready-to-deploy PPE Cache that will enable immediate and efficient treatment of patients. In order for a PPE Cache to be functional and save lives it must: 1. Maintain readiness. 2. Deploy rapidly. 3. Operate immediately. 4. Facilitate efficient patient care.

4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:

VeriCor is the only source that can provide the SmartBook™ which is vital to Staff Personal Protective Equipment Cache maintenance, staff training, deployment, recover and re-ordering:

SmartBook™ Managed Inventory Guide:

- a. Item Description b. Quantity c. Manufacturer d. Lot # e. Serial # f. Expiration Date g. Storage Parameters
- h. Material Safety and Data Sheets (MSDS)

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

VAMC Charleston, VAMC Augusta and many other VAMCs in our VISN and in the VHA system work closely with VeriCor for products like this. They design the equipment to meet the unique needs of the VA Emergency Management System. This particular solution came as a result of their extensive research and product development and while the pieces and parts are not necessarily unique on their own, the overall package, the tracking, logistics support, inventory control is unique to VeriCor.

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: _____

Date: 06-05-2017 _____

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