

**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. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:**

VA69D-17-AP-6548

**1A. PR No.**

585-17-3-969-0682

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**

\$85,608.55

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

Upgrade to Carescape Central Station, GE brand name only. This will serve Iron Mountain patients and provide real time remote monitoring of telemetry patients from the Clement J. Zablocki VAMC.

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

This requirement is to upgrade the existing Carescape Central Station from a Microsoft Windows XP based operating system to a current acceptable supported version. This is a GE proprietary system that has GE proprietary software in conjunction with the upgrade.

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

There are no alternatives for the requirement as it is proprietary to GE. Market research concluded that GE authorized distributors can provide this requirement.

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

The NMR does not apply to this procurement, the IGCE is less than \$150,000.00, therefore a set-aside will be sought.

**VetBiz** search was conducted using the search criteria of NAICS Code: 339112 and Keyword: "Carescape." The search resulted no matches.

**Ability One** website search was conducted; Ability One does not provide the required product.

**FSS Search** conducted resulting in one FSS vendor able to provide requirement:

1. GE MEDICAL SYSTEMS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (00-658-0799) – V797P2239D – Other Than Small Business.

**Communication with Manufacturer** resulted in GE advising that the following are GE authorized partners, and can provide the requirement:

1. ALKO ENTERPRISES, INC. (18-111-8738) – VOSB.
2. TRILLAMED, LLC (82-812-6321) – SDVOSB.

Based on the information provided above, it is determined this procurement will be fulfilled by issuing a Brand Name Only, Total VOSB Set Aside, RFQ onto FBO, i/a/w: VAAR 819.7006.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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