

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: VA69D-17-AP-8789	1A. PROJECT/TASK No. 695-15-117	1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$60,861
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:

This product, Siemens Cerberus Pyrotronics System is the only product that allows for a single fire alarm system to be used throughout the Milwaukee facility. VA Milwaukee currently has the Cerberus Pyrotronics System as the campus-wide fire alarm system. The new fire alarm system will interface directly with the existing campus-wide Pyrotronics Fire Alarm System and be a replacement of the existing Siemens Cerberus Pyrotronics System that will be replaced.

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

The fire alarm system will activate alarms within the building to alert occupants that assistance may be required. Installation of a system that interfaces properly with the existing system will ensure patient safety is maintained at the highest level. Additionally, installation of components that match the existing fire alarm system minimizes maintenance costs and bench stock requirements. No other system will integrate with our existing fire protection system. It is necessary to match the existing system to ensure there are no interface problems and that system operation and maintenance is maintained to ensure patient and worker safety.

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

We have not been able to identify any other system that offers a seamless integration with our existing system.

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.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** 8/28/2017
Name: Anne Vossler
Title: Contracting Officer **NCO:** 12