

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: \$20,571
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:
This product, Microguard Inorganic Protective Barrier, is the only product that allowed per VA Central Office guidelines as a sealant for ceramic tile grout (floor and wall). This protective barrier allows for the tile surfaces in toilet rooms, showers, kitchens, etc to be sealed to prevent dirt accumulation on the grout, which reduces the chances of infection control issues within the hospital.

3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:
Need to comply with VACO directives, impacts to patient safety and familiarity of the product to the staff and maintenance personnel. This product decreases the chances of infection control issues due to accumulation of debris in the grout of tile floors and walls. This is the way to ensure compliance with VACO directives and maintain a clean environment in toilet rooms and other tiles areas on the Milwaukee campus.

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:
Microguard Inorganic Protective Barrier is the only product that allowed per VA Central Office guidelines as a sealant for ceramic tile grout (floor and wall).

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:** 8/27/2017
Name: Anne Vossler
Title: Contracting Officer **NCO:** 12