

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification for Single Source Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$150K)**

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA69D-17-AP-8419

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 12, Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI and the NCO 12 Construction Team. Sole source items required for the MATOC SEED PROJECT, Upgrade Elevators Buildings 5 and 6A, project 695-17-116, 2237 ID 695-18-2-6985-0002.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**
This product, HILTI Firestop Systems, is an integration of materials, assemblies and components to provide firestopping to prevent fire from spreading through penetrations in walls, ceiling and floors throughout the medical center. The estimated value of Firestopping for this project is \$2,600.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**
Firestopping is achieved through assemblies, not just materials, and it is imperative approved assemblies are used and the assemblies are the same throughout the hospital to allow for inspections and adequate compliance when The Joint Commission and VA inspect for accreditation of the hospital and the safety of patients and staff. It is necessary to match existing systems to ensure there are no interface problems, approved assemblies are used in lieu just materials and all systems are UL approved.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**
We established HILTI as our standard. The other Firestop systems on the market are not compatible with HILTI. The products cannot be mixed together in a penetration because this voids the UL rating required. Were we to switch systems we would not be able to maintain the existing firestop in the hospital and would be forced to remove and replace entire systems.
- 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.

Jerrold Schleis
Contracting Officer

24 October 2017
Date