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: VA263-17-AP-8828

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 23, Minneapolis VA Contracting. 2237#618-18-3-6970-0001

2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**
   NURSE CALL
   The project will include the installation of nurse call and code blue system components as specified in the drawings and project specifications.

3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**
   All nurse call components throughout the facility are Rauland Responder 4 and/or 5. New nurse call components must tie into the existing system, and only Rauland components are compatible. Having multiple nurse call systems within the facility is not cost effective or practical for patient safety.

   MVAHCS doesn't have the correct headend or master stations to work with other nurse call brands. In addition, medical center staff is currently trained in the maintenance and operation of the Rauland system, and spare parts for that system are kept on hand. If other systems are brought into the facility, patient safety will be at risk because the staff may not understand how to respond to multiple systems and another system would cause patient safety issues. Repairs will also be more complicated and take longer.

4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**
   Market research was conducted during the initial nurse call system installation. Multiple vendors were researched and given the opportunity to bid. Inquiries have been made to other vendors as to whether or not their systems were compatible with Rauland Responder, and they were not.

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.*

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