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:**
CABLE JACKS, FACEPLATES AND CONNECTORS
The project will include the installation of VA standard security features as specified in the drawings and project specifications. This includes RJ45 jacks, face plates, patch cords, cabling and patch panels.

3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**
Panduit cables and faceplates are required for maintenance purposes and labeling consistency. The Panduit patch cords, faceplates, and outlets are required so IT staff can identify which components are which, and what each is supposed to connect to in the IT closet. This is consistent throughout the hospital, so using other types would cause confusion and potential for misconnections, which would be a major risk on a security system, telephone systems and IT systems.

   The Panduit system was selected because the face plate and outlet are of optimal shape and orientation. Other types have been tried, but they have been more susceptible to damage and harder to work with. IT staff must frequently access these when they're behind desks or above ceiling tiles, so the specified make and model saves a great deal of time and prevent unintentional damage. IT now keeps these components in stock, so bringing in others would cause excess maintenance time and require excessive additional components to be kept in stock.

4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**
Other network jacks and faceplates were considered, but they did not meet the needs and quality requirements of our IT staff and their work processes.

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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