

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:
VA250-17-AP-10912

1A. PROJECT/TASK
No.
538-115

1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:
[REDACTED]

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE: The expansion of the existing fire detection/mass notification system (to include: communication nodes, smoke detectors, pull stations, and horn & strobe units) into the new structure to be created as part of the Resolve Safety Privacy Environmental Issues on Mental Health Unit Building 26, project at the Chillicothe VAMC.

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

The Chillicothe VAMC has standardized on the Simplex Grinnell fire detection/mass notification system. It operates as a closed network with proprietary modules and devices that must communicate quickly and accurately for the system to be effective. Modules and devices from other fire detection and mass notification systems are not compatible with the Simplex system, and would void any warranties on existing Simplex equipment. Furthermore, the contractor installing the equipment must be certified by the manufacturer.

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

Market Research was not conducted for this specific family of items because this is a common industry practice. In addition, the Chillicothe VAMC's Engineering Service has several tasks, every year, that call for replacement and repair of fire detection and mass notification devices. The Architect/Engineer thoroughly researched options to avoid sole sourcing, as part of the design process. However, because the budget for this project does not make any of these options available.

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. Note: COs are required to make a determination of price reasonableness IAW FAR 13.106-3. See the Commercial Supply and Service SOP for Price Reasonableness templates.

Signature: 
Name: Trevor C. Martin
Title: Contracting Officer

Date: 11/17/2017

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