

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: VA786-18-AP-0517

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Great Lakes National Cemetery
Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road, Holly MI 48442
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use:**
908M Front-end Wheel Loader S3B Cert, for Great Lakes National Cemetery Grounds Operations.
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies**
 - A. Brand name only required
 - B. Only one responsible source: Caterpillar is the sole manufacturer and the only authorized dealer for equipment and part required to satisfy agency needs.
 - C. The required Caterpillar equipment and parts are manufactured with exact fit specifications, no other can be substituted.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**
 - a) Research conducted in VIP database found 26 SDVOSBs and the 11 VOSB vendors but none of them were identified as authorized resellers of Caterpillar equipment and parts.
 - b) GSA Advantage search produced 34 vendors that sell equipment and parts, but the particular brand the agency seeks to procure is manufactured by only one company (Caterpillar).
 - c) Caterpillar is a large business for NAICS 326199 (verified in SAM).
 - d) Caterpillar company is the only source for the 908M Wheel Loader S3B Cert and the relative parts.
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.*

Name: Roselynn A. Ellah
Title: Contracting Officer

08/07/2018
Date