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 Great Lakes Acquisition Center (NCO 12)
 Capt. James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center
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**Justification and Approval for
 Other Than Full and Open Competition**

Project No.: 537-18-129

Acquisition Plan No.: VA-19-00003632

Description: Install Pressure Sensors per SPS Directive

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 12 Network Contract Office Southern Tier Construction Team for Jesse Brown VA Medical Center.
2. **Purchase request (i.e. 2237) number:** 537-19-2-6988-0016
3. **Description of Action:** The action taken here is for a new Sole Source Construction services Firm Fixed Price typed contract using the name brand equipment.

Name of Contractor:	Setra Systems, Inc.
POC	Candice Stewart
Street Address:	159 Swanson Road
City, State, Zip:	Boxborough, MA, 01719
Phone:	Boxborough, MA, 01719

OR

Name of Contractor:	TSI Incorporated
Street Address:	500 Cardigan Road
City, State, Zip:	Shoreview, MN 55126
Phone:	800.874.2811

4. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:

Both Setra and TSI pressure switches are currently being used at Jesse Brown and in many healthcare facilities. By using switches that are currently providing good service we both reduce the risk of introducing a new sub-standard model to the Facility and reduce the number of different models that will have to communicate with the existing BAS.

5. Description of Services:

The estimated value of the proposed action is \$ 200,000.00
 Pressure monitors and associated equipment is being installed in various rooms in order to comply with a new VA directive. The installed equipment will be connected to the existing BAS. The above cost is for the material cost of the pressure monitor switches only.

6. **Statutory Authority:** The statutory authority permitting an exception to Fair Opportunity is Section 41 U.S.C. 4106(c) as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR):

Mark the applicable exception:

An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays; the agency need for the services is so urgent that providing a Fair Opportunity would result in unacceptable delays.

Only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized;

In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is **a logical follow-on** to an original Federal Supply Schedule order and the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. **The original order was not previously issued under sole-source or limited-sources procedures;** or

Items peculiar to one manufacturer. An item peculiar to one manufacturer can be a particular brand name, product, or a feature of a product, peculiar to one manufacturer). A brand name item, whether available on one or more schedule contracts, is an item peculiar to one manufacturer.

7. **Rational/explanation supporting use of cited authority:** In accordance with FAR 6.302-1(c)(1), Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements. Jesse Brown VA Medical Center currently utilizes both Setra and TSI monitors that are connected to an existing Johnson Controls automation system. To maintain consistency and reduce the risk of introducing an incompatible component into the referenced system, the facility would like to use equipment that is known to be reliable. Use of different switches may reduce the reliability of the system.

The order must be issued on a sole-source basis in the interest of economy and efficiency

8. **Description of Market Research conducted and results thereof, or statement why Market Research was not conducted:**

It is not feasible to obtain competition, we are using equipment that is currently in use or is the same as existing equipment that is install and currently reliably performing with the existing BAS.

9. **Brand Name Only:** The procurement is estimated to exceed \$25,000 and this documentation will be posted along with the RFQ, as required.

10. Technical and Requirements Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in this justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

eSignature: _____

Name: Maurice B. Green

Title: COR

11. Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination: I hereby determine that the anticipated price to the Government for the proposed contract action will be Fair and Reasonable that the supporting data under my cognizance are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Angella Sterling
Contract Specialist

12. Contracting Officer's Certification: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. As this action does not exceed \$700,000, this certification required by FAR serves as approval.

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Contracting Officer