

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Justification and Approval**  
**For**  
**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

**1. Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 08, Orlando VA Medical Center  
 2237 # 675-14-4-2281-1206

**2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

The action requested is for a new firm-fixed contract under unusual and compelling urgency

**3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

The supplies needed are retinal surgery knives for the ophthalmology clinic:

1. Katena diamond knife 1MM spear, 3ea, \$1,675.00
  2. Katena mics dia knife trapezoid 2.1/2.4, 3ea, \$2,995.00
  3. Katena diamond step knife 10-facets, 3ea, \$2,850.00
  4. Katena small plastic sterilizing case, 3ea, \$35.00
- Total Price: \$19,815.00

**4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

- (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements;
- (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency;
- (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability, or Expert Services;
- (4) International Agreement
- (5) Authorized or Required by Statute;
- (6) National Security; or
- (7) Public Interest

**5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

Currently the Orlando VAMC Ophthalmology clinic doctors are using inferior knives to conduct Sulcus Suture eye surgery. All of the knives they currently have do not contain the 45 degree angle that is needed to create a sucler pocket in the eye to apply stitching. The doctors, therefore, have to manipulate or alter the knives in order to perform the surgery.

**6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

Due to the nature of the action, unusual and compelling urgency, only one source will be solicited.

**7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**

A search of GSA Advantage for similar types of knives revealed the Katena knives are lower than the GSA Advantage price (see P02):

	<u>GSA Price</u>	<u>Katena Price</u>
1. Diamond knife, spear	\$3,301.50	\$1,675.00
2. Diamond knife, trapezoid	\$3,835.68	\$2,995.00
3. Diamond knife, 8-facets	\$3,301.50	\$2,850.00
4. Plastic sterilizing case	\$134.91	\$35.00

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted**

Bausch & Lomb and Duckworth & Kent were contacted to see if they can meet the needs the government needs; a knife at 45 degree angle with a spear, trapezoid, step blade and with 10 Facets. Neither company could meet these requirements (see P02).

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**

None

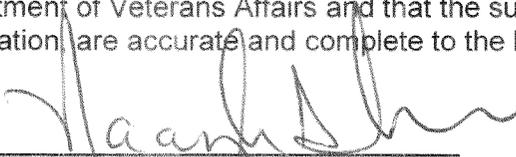
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

None

11. **A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:**

The ophthalmology department sees this as an isolated incident and for the purposes of continuing patient care is this justification needed. If further retinal surgery knives are needed then the service will consider a indefinite delivery vehicle or utilize full and open competition.

12. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
 Name: Naazli Shaikh  
 Title: Ophthalmologist, MD  
 Orlando VA Medical Center (675)

9/4/14  
 Date

13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** (required) I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

04 Sep. 2014

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 Kory Stiles  
 Contracting Specialist  
 Orlando VAMC

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 Date

- b. **Product Line Supervisor (PLS):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

04 Sep. 2014

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 Daniel Pontoriero  
 Contracting Supervisor  
 Orlando VAMC

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 Date