

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

ORDER >\$150,000

FAR PART 8.405-6

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA249-15-AP-8640

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

Restricted to the following source:

Manufacturer/Contractor: AB SCIEX LLC

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: William Heckle – 513-561-1800 (office)

Mfgr/Contractor Address: 1201 Radio Rd, Redwood City CA 94065-1217

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: William Heckle – 513-561-1800

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

NCO9

1639 Medical Center Pkwy

STE 400

Murfreesboro, TN 37129

VISN: 09

(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:

To acquire a mass spectrometry unit that will allow research staff to utilize the only analytical approach that can specifically detect and quantitate varying levels of molecules. This request is required to complete a broad range of research projects aimed to help understand obesity and other chronic health conditions impacting Veterans. The funds for this piece of equipment were awarded to our site from SAO-C

(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:

See Justification of Need document

(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$467,000

(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: 12-1-2015

(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE.

☒ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

Patented technologies that provide rapid quantitation via MRM analysis and library ID / confirmation of metabolites and related analytes that make it uniquely suited for the work proposed. This is the only manufacturer that provides commercially available hybrid triple-quadrupole/linear ion trap LC/MS/MS systems. These hybrid systems are the only instruments that allows for an individual to quantitate compounds using the industry standard triple Quad MRM technology and confirm the compound identities with full spectrum linear Ion Trap functions.

☐ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is:
(If FAR 8.405-6(a)(2)iii before posting. Do not include specific proprietary data. Only mention the
type of equipment, procedure, etc. to show that proprietary supplies or services are being procured.)

☐ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

☐ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

☐ The new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.

☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:

The requested equipment purchase is expected to achieve the investigation objectives. Also, Lexington VAMC R&D Department previously purchased dedicated software for analysis of data generated by instruments from the recommended manufacturer.

(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

Market research was not conducted on this item as there is no other piece of equipment available that offers what the AB SCIEX unit gives in further understanding and completing VA funded research programs. The purchasing of any other unit will shorthand the needs of our program and the award that was given to our facility from SAO-C.

(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION: See Justification of Need document for additional information supporting purchasing the ABSCIEX mass spectrometry unit.

N/A

(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:

N/A

(9) 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. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4. *(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service or someone with responsibility and accountability.)*

_____ SIGNATURE		10-14-15 DATE
Keith Trumbauer NAME	VMU Supervisor / Acting AO-R TITLE	Research SERVICE LINE/SECTION
Lexington VAMC 596 FACILITY		

(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE [VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP](#):

a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

10-19-2015

Dana M. Dixon
Contracting Officer, NCO-09

DATE

b. Director **of Contracting/DESIGNEE**: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

10/23/2015

Linda S. Greaves
NCO-09 Director of Contracting

DATE