

FAR 8 - JUSTIFICATION FOR LIMITING SOURCES <\$150K

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA242-17-AP-3187

- 1. Agency and Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 02, *Department of Veterans Affairs* Medical Center, James J. Peters VA Medical Center, 130 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, New York 10468, VA Northport VAMC is in need of a Topcon/fundus camera for Opthamology department under 2237#632-17-2-3086-0035.

2. Description of Action: BRAND NAME ONLY

Nature: ☒ New Requirement ☐ Follow-on Order
☐ Mod to Existing Order Number Insert task/delivery order no.

Order against: ☒ FBO (Open Market) SDVOSB Set-aside: VA242-17-Q-0295

Name of Proposed Contractor: Lombart Brothers, Inc
Street Address: 5358 Robin Hood Road
City, State, Zip: Norfolk, VA 23513-2430
Phone: 800-446-8092

3. Description of Supplies or Services: Topcon TRC-NW8F Plus camera w/ FA/FAF, IMAGENET 5, PC, Arm injection holder and AIT-250.

The estimated value of the proposed action is \$

A retinal camera, also known as a fundus camera, is utilized to take high resolution, variable magnification photos of the back of the eye, to document and monitor conditions affecting the retina, optic nerve, and other structures in the eye. The fundus camera has a digital camera attachment that interfaces with computer software to allow images to be captured, saved, and transmitted through a DICOM interface to the patient's record. It also has filters that allow capture of different types of images that assist with assessment of retinal disease. A retinal camera is an important tool in patient diagnosis and management of various types of conditions.

The Optometry Service at Northport, NY requires ONE new retinal camera as a replacement for our current one which can no longer be used. Specifically, our current Topcon 50EX retinal camera (with associated computer software) was acquired in 2006 and is running on a Windows 2000 computer, which BioMed and IT have determined is a security risk, and therefore needs to be replaced. An inquiry was made several months ago as to whether a newer digital camera that was compatible with a Windows 7 or higher operating system could be attached to our current Topcon camera, but we were informed that this was not possible.

As discussed above, this is an essential piece of equipment for patient care, as there are a variety of conditions affecting the eye that need to be imaged in order to document and monitor for possible progression. Our current retinal camera is used daily, so the care of hundreds of patients will be impacted if it cannot be replaced. We are looking for the following characteristics in a new system.

- a. The software package must meet all IT security requirements.
- b. The software must interface with Vista imaging to be able to transfer captured images to a patient's record.
- c. The system must have the capability to capture red-free photos and also do fundus autofluorescence (FAF): these allow viewing the retina with special filters for diagnosis of specific types of conditions (our current camera does not have FAF capability). Spaide FAF filters are preferred and requested.
- d. The camera must allow photos to be taken without dilation, when necessary (i.e.: a non-mydratic camera). Auto small pupil detection is desirable.
- e. The camera must have auto focus and auto capture capability, with a low flash intensity option for patient comfort.
- f. The camera should be designed to allow easy capture of stereo photography.
- g. The camera requires an external fixation pointer.
- h. The software requires advanced features, such as the ability to assemble a mosaic image (i.e.: a panoramic view of the retina by combining individual images).
- i. The system must have the capability to do fluorescein angiography, so that it can be used as a backup system if Ophthalmology's camera goes out of service (this has happened on at least 5 occasions here at Northport).

This is an emergent request, because as noted above, our current system does not meet IT security requirements, is no longer supportable, and will need to be replaced no later than early FY2017.

Photo-documentation of retinal and optic nerve conditions has been a part of routine eye care for decades, and is considered a standard of care.. High resolution digital images of the back of the eye are routinely obtained utilizing a fundus camera.

Our current retinal camera is 10 years old and is no longer covered for repair by Topcon, should something go wrong. As noted above, it is running on a Windows 2000 computer, which BioMed and IT have determined is a security risk. BioMed has informed us that the system needs to be replaced, necessitating the acquisition of a new camera as well (the current digital camera attached to the retinal camera is too outdated to operate on a Windows 7 or higher operating system, and the retinal camera cannot accept a newer digital attachment).

4. Authority:

ORDER AGAINST FSS: Authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program, Title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 USC 251, et seq.); Title 40 USC 501, Services for Executive Agencies; and Section 803 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2002 (PL 107-107) and implemented by [FAR 8.405-6](#). Mark the applicable exception:

☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays([FAR 8.405-6\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)\(A\)](#));

☒ 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; ([FAR 8.405-6\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)\(B\)](#)) or

☐ 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.** ([FAR 8.405-6\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)\(C\)](#))

5. **Rational/explanation to support cited authority:** *IAW FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(B)the system in place at the hospital is compatible with only Topcon/fundus camera and buying a camera system that is not compatible would cause the system to fail and not provide proper patient care to vet patients. Using a different system would also mean having to purchase a whole new camera system and that can end up costing the Government unnecessary dollar totals.*
6. BRAND NAME ONLY: This buy is estimated to exceed \$25,000 and this documentation will be posted along with the RFQ on e-Buy, as required by [FAR 8.405-6\(b\)\(3\)](#).
7. Note that this determination satisfies the requirements of [FAR 8.405-6](#). The requirement to prepare a written justification [IAW FAR 6.303](#) does not apply to Federal Supply Schedules.

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