#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Justification for Single Source (Brand Name Only) Awards IAW <u>FAR 13.106-1</u> For Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$150K)

#### Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA252-18-AP-0767

#### 1. <u>Contracting Activity</u>:

Department of Veterans Affairs Great Lakes Acquisition Center, NCO-12 115 South 84th Street, Suite 101 Milwaukee, WI 53214-1476

Edward Hines Jr. VAH 5000 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Hines, IL 60141-1457

2237 Number: 578-18-1-6969-0001

# 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:

Seventeen (17) TempTrak Base Stations (buffers and receivers) for the Edward Hines VAH. This requirement will be used to transmit signals to the TempTrak server. The system is designed to monitor critical temperature and humidity areas along with monitoring refrigerator/freezer temperatures for drugs and food.

Estimated Amount:

## **3.** Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one brand name source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:

The Hines VAH currently has the Cooper-Atkins TempTrak system equipment. This requirement is for replacement Base Stations that shall be compatible to the existing TempTrak system. Considering the size and scope of the temperature/humidity/pressure monitoring system that is in place at the Hines VAH, to change to a new system would cost over \$500,000.00.

## 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:

VIP search was conducted using the search criteria of NAICS Code: 334519, the search resulted in 58 matches. A second search was conducted using the search criteria of NAICS Code: 334519 and the Keyword: TempTrak, the search resulted in one match:

• ALDEVRA, LLC (83-0063-496) – SDVOSB (verified) – confirmed that they can provide requirement.

Market Research Sources: Ability One / FSS Search / Communication with Manufacturer

Market Research Findings:

Ability One website search was conducted; Ability One does not provide the required product.

FSS Search conducted, resulting in no FSS contract holders able to provide the requirement.

Communication with Manufacturer resulted in the small business manufacturer, COOPER-ATKINS CORPORATION, advising they do work with one distributor authorized to provide requirement:

- ALDEVRA, LLC (83-006-3496) SDVOSB.
- **5.** Contracting Officer's Certification: Purchase of brand name only requirement 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.

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