

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification for Single Source Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)  
For  
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$150K)**

**Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA69D-17-AP-9722.**

**1. Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
VISN 12

William S. Middleton VA Medical Center  
2500 Overlook Terrace  
Madison, WI 53705-2286  
607-18-1-969-0002

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

The William S. Middleton VA Medical Center located in Madison, WI has a need for an Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump. The Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump (IABP) is an essential piece of equipment for stabilizing patients who have acute mitral valve regurgitation or severe heart failure. It is also used to provide mechanical circulatory support in patients who are undergoing high risk coronary interventional procedures such as angioplasty, stent placement or coronary bypass surgery.

Estimated Amount: \$130,000.00

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

The William S. Middleton VA Medical Center Cardiology and OR departments have two Intra-Aortic Balloon pumps that have been recalled. The Cardiology and OR departments is requesting brand name only replacements since two newer units were purchased in 2017 and this would allow the units to work with current existing equipment. Having multiple pumps of the same brand and model is essential for patient safety in the event that a pump in-use malfunctions and needs to be replaced.

Training has been completed in FY2017 for Cardiology, OR, ICU staff, and Physicians on the CARDIOSAVE Hybrid IABPs. Having multiple brands/models of this machine would introduce too many risks for human error that can be life threatening for patients.

The affiliates, students and residents from UWHC rotate in and out all year long and no exiting training would be needed as UWHC uses the same equipment reducing patient risk, continuity of care and additional training cost. Also, if patients are transferred from facility the continuity is also there.

Furthermore, the disposable patient supplies required to be used with this equipment are already on the supply list for logistic departments. Changing to a different vendor would require the facility to have to stock any disposable medical supplies required.

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

Non-Manufacturer Rule (NMR): Definition - for small business set-asides, other than for construction or services, any concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture, must furnish the product of a small business manufacturer unless the SBA has granted a waiver. If the IGCE is less than \$150,000.00 the NMR does not apply and a set aside shall be sought. If the IGCE is equal to or greater than \$150,000.00 the NMR applies.

Federal Supply Code: 6515 – Medical and surgical instruments, equipment, and supplies  
NAICS Code: 334510 – Electromedical and Electrotherapeutic Apparatus Manufacturing

FSS search conducted, resulting in no FSS contract holder providing the requirement.  
GSA search conducted, resulting in no contract holder on GSA.

Sources sought was posted to FBO. Two SDVOSB replied to the sources sought of having the capabilities to meet the facility's needs. The rule of two applies under Public Law (PL) 109-461 and an open market brand name only solicitation will be posted with a 100% SDVOSB set-aside under NAICS code 334510.

**5. Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase 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.*

*Note: COs are required to make a determination of price reasonableness IAW FAR 13.106-3. See the [S19 Open Market \(FAR13\) Award Documentation Form with Abstract](#) to document price reasonableness.*

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Title: Contracting Officer