

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: VA242-17-AP-9340

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 02, Northport VA Medical Center (VAMC) located at 79 Middleville Road, Northport, NY 11768-2200. Biomedical Engineering Service of the Northport VAMC has submitted Purchase Request Number 632-18-1-454-0014. This is a Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** The Northport VAMC is requesting a new follow-on acquisition of maintenance and repair services of the Symphony S-Plus Slide Stainer identified in the Statement of Work, for the Biomedical Engineering Service, for a period of a base year with two option years.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** Only one source is available to fulfill this requirement because the requirement is for maintenance and repair on the equipment located at Northport VAMC, Northport, NY. Roche Diagnostics Corporation (RDC) is Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and has provided a letter declaring their status as an OEM sole-source provider for services, which assume proprietary rights for all maintenance services & parts. The equipment is Government-Owned. The service and the equipment are considered critical in the continuing mission of maintaining excellent quality patient care and standards.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** A search in the Vendor Information Pages for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSB) was conducted on October 26, 2017, with a NAICS code of 811219 and the Keyword "Symphony," resulting in no results found. A check in AbilityOne.gov services list, with "Northport" as the location city and "New York" selected for location state, yielded two results, but not for this requirement. Roche Diagnostics Corporation has GSA contract GS-07F-0446V, but a review of the contract terms and conditions and price list does not include maintenance services for the Symphony S-Plus equipment. Finally, a search in FedBizOpps.gov on October 26, 2017 revealed that the Department of the Army made a sole-source award (W81K02-17-P-0051) based on the same proprietary declaration by Roche Diagnostics Corporation.
- 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.*

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Contracting Officer, NCO 2

Date