

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: VA257-17-AP-9295

1. Contracting Activity: VISN 17

Network Contracting Office 17 (NCO-17)
5441 Babcock Rd., Ste. 302
San Antonio, TX 78240

Requesting Activity:

Central Texas Veterans Health Care System
Pathology Laboratory
1901 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Temple, TX 76504

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

Reagents agreement. Agreement with The Binding Site includes use of SPA Plus analyzer and related equipment, inclusive of equipment maintenance services, at no cost to the government, with the purchase of Kappa and Lambda reagents, controls and consumable supplies. The purchase order will be placed as a standing order; where the reagents and consumables are ordered on an as-needed basis, throughout a one-year period of performance.

Estimated cost: \$79,229.39

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

Requirement was submitted as a sole source procurement (FAR 6.302-1). The requester submitted the requirement as an FY18 option need, with a 1 October start date; however, a review of the previous purchase request identified that the FY17 requirement was not exercised from the order (VA257-15-P-0176), it was procured as a new requirement (VA257-17-P-0127). The CTX Associate Director approved the upgrade of the requirement as an urgency to avert any patient care delays.

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

Due to the urgent need of the requirement, market research was limited to Ability One and GSA Advantage. A review of the Ability Once Procurement List for Services revealed that they do not offer the requested equipment, services, reagents and related consumable supplies. A review of The Binding Site's GSA FSS pricelist (GS-07F-0258W) shows they offer the SPA Plus instrument for

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Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under \$150K

sale, additionally offers maintenance services for the instrument; however, the required reagents and consumable supplies are not offered on the FSS.

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.



Dale Padro
Contracting Officer



Date