

**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: [VA261-17-AP-12293](#)**

**1. Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 21  
VA Northern California HealthCare System  
150 Muir Road, Bldg: AB7; Rm: AB701  
Martinez CA 94553-4668  
VISN: 21

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

This order is for a one-year service contract on the Illumina NextSeq 500 Sequencing System. The cost of this service agreement is \$30,375.00.

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

Only Illumina have the personnel familiar with this equipment and manufacture replacements parts to allow for proper function of this machine. Their service personnel is able to run diagnostics tests and trouble shoot problems on this instrument. Additionally, if another vendor conducts repairs on the equipment it will void all current warranties on the equipment. In order to have a warranty reinstated if there is a lapse in warranty/service contract, it will require the vendor to perform an onsite recertification costing several thousand dollars before another service contract or warranty can be initiated.

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

A vendor search was conducted in VETBIZ under NIACS 811219 and keyword "nextseq 500" yielded (2) results, however neither vendor provided services related to medical equipment maintenance, website information was uploaded to eCMS for both vendors. Additional Market Research was not conducted based the unique intellectual and data rights involved with servicing Illumina equipment as well as the risk of voiding all warranties regarding Illumina equipment if personnel other than Illumina service technicians conduct repairs or maintenance on the Illumina equipment.

**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*

VHAPM Part 813.106 Simplified Acquisition Procedures: Soliciting from a Single Source  
Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under \$150K

*S19 Open Market (FAR13) Award Documentation Form with Abstract* *to document price reasonableness.*



Jason T. Hill  
Contracting Officer

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Date