

**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: VA701-18-AP-0029**

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 20, *Puget Sound* Medical Center (Station 663)
  
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**  
Justification and Approval (J&A) for the Beckman Coulter “**Brand name**” selection of the items for the following centrifuge rotors: B88555 JA-14.50 at an estimated cost of \$ [REDACTED]; 347824 JA-18.1 at an estimated cost of [REDACTED]; and 363054 JA 25.15 at an estimated cost of [REDACTED]; for a total estimated cost of \$ [REDACTED]. These Beckman Coulter centrifuge rotors constitute a portion of a larger procurement action for laboratory equipment that will be awarded as a new Firm-Fixed-Price contract. The requested contract covers goods & services to supply the Government with systems that enables biomedical research capabilities that, in part, fulfills the VAPSHCS VISN20 MIRECC’s Congressionally-mandated investigation of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and its comorbidities which includes, but is not limited to, traumatic brain injury (TBI). Estimated award date: Feb 2018.
  
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The VA has mandated use of Beckman centrifuge products and has accordingly awarded a national “Blanket Purchase Agreement” (aka BPA) for Beckman Coulter centrifuges to VWR International, LLC (VA119-16-A-0041). The VISN20 MIRECC is procuring a Beckman Avanti JE High Performance Centrifuge. This centrifuge requires the specific rotors identified in paragraph 1. These rotors are not available through the VA National BPA. The centrifuge rotors must conform to operating standards defined by Beckman, for use in Beckman centrifuges so that they function as prescribed and allow for their use to be covered under applicable warranties. Beckman centrifuges are not covered under warranty when non-name brand rotors are used. At present, the only centrifuge rotors covered under warranty when used in Beckman centrifuges are Beckman centrifuge rotors.
  
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**  
**Medical Surgical Prime Vendor (MSPV) Contracts:** A search was conducted on the National Acquisition Center’s MedSurg Catalog search located at <http://www.va.gov/nac/MedSurg/List> for a list of nationally awarded contractors and/or prime vendor contracts. The MSPV for Seattle is Cardinal Health. A search using Cardinal Health as the Contractor and does not provide these items on their MSPV contract.

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**GSA eLibrary:** <https://www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov/ElibMain/home.do>. A search for “centrifuges” and applying the filter for SDVOSB was conducted. This search produced 1 result. Franklin Young International has a GSA schedule and is a verified SDVOSB. This vendor has been referenced in the Market Research Findings section below. However, at this time GSA is not an appropriate source as there are not 2 or more SDVOSBs on GSA.

**SDVOSB/VOSB Sources via VetBiz (VIP):** In Accordance with VAAR Subpart 819.7004, 819.7005, 819.7006 - <https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/>. A search on Vetbiz.gov was conducted in an attempt to locate Service-Disabled-Veteran-Owned-Small-Business (SDVOSB) and Veteran-Owned-Small-Business (VOSB) concerns utilizing NAICS code 334516 (this search provided 60 results for SDVOSB and 71 results for VOSB (57 verified)). From these results, all vendors were contacted via email (Attachments VIP Email). Several vendors (SDVOSB) and responded as being able to meet the specifications of the requirement, to include these Beckman Coulter brand name centrifuge rotors. These SDVOSBs and have been referenced in the Market Research Findings section below.

**Solutions for Enterprise-Wise Procurement (SEWP):** <https://www.sewp.nasa.gov/>. A search was conducted for “Beckman Coulter” as a provider. The search produced 0 results. The conclusion of this search effort is that SEWP does not have the provider and is not a source for acquiring the lab equipment at this time. (Attachment – SEWP MR - Beckman)

Summary of Available Sources

Vendor	DUNS	Socioeconomic Category	Authorized
Franklin Young International, Inc.	113785385	SDVOSB	Yes
Bennettsan Consulting LLC	078305080	SDVOSB	Yes
Stripes Medical, LLC	080204009	SDVOSB	Yes
The McConnell Group, Inc.	008995003	SDVOSB	Yes
Veteran Healthcare Supply Solutions, Inc.	964899483	SDVOSB	Yes
Cuna Supply LLC	608640517	SDVOSB	Yes
Aviate Enterprises Inc	079613350	SDVOSB	Yes
Thermo Fisher Scientific LLC	179755479	Other than Small	OEM

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5. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Brand Name 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.*

[Redacted Signature] [Redacted Date]

Sandra Johnson  
Contracting Officer

Date