

**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: VA262-18-AP-1887**

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 22, 4811 Airport Plaza Drive. Suite 600. Long Beach, CA. 90815.

VA San Diego Healthcare System 3350 La Jolla Village Dr. San Diego, CA. 92161 is requesting: Phlebotomy & Echocardiogram Services under Purchase Request# 664-18-1-8145-0066.

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

UCSD (Clinical & Translational Research institute) will provide us with their technical expertise to perform phlebotomy and echocardiogram service, as well as process the blood samples. These procedures will take place at the UCSD Clinical & Translational Research Institute, with one visit per participant. Each participant will undergo the phlebotomy (blood draw of 15m. using EDTA blood collection tubes). The blood sample assays may be run in duplicate for reliability purposes. The samples will either used up in analysis or destroyed once analysis is complete. Each participant will also undergo the echocardiogram, quoted at the UCSD flat rate per quoted price. This will allow approximately 23 participant visits which are important to our human subject research. UCSD (Clinical & Translational Research Institute is the only approved VA Institutional Review Board (IRB) site to perform all laboratory procedures indicated in the study IRB protocol, including echocardiogram, blood draw and processing our samples for our participant to our Research. UCSD (Clinical & Translational Research Institute (CTRI) complies with VA privacy and data security regulations. The estimated total amount for this acquisition is \$20,355.00

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

1. UCSD (CTRI) Clinical & Translational Research Institute– is the only one responsible, approved source by the VA Institutional Review Board (IRB) site to perform all laboratory procedures indicated in the study IRB protocol on echocardiogram, draw blood samples from our human subjects which is required by our Research Protocol and to perform by licensed phlebotomist.
2. CTRI is well equipped with modern technologies with innovating techniques and they provide same day analysis in processing data on the human subject research samples.
3. With same day processing by the UCSD CTRI site, it minimizes the number of visits by participants.
4. CTRI staff members have the technical expertise necessary to perform the laboratory procedures required by our research. The echocardiogram will be performed at the CTRI by a certified sonographer, blood will be drawn by a licensed phlebotomist, and all blood samples will be

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stored, processed and destroyed at the CTRI minimizing risk of contamination and of loss of confidentiality.

5. Blood samples will be analyzed by the CTRI biomarker laboratory for various biomarkers that have been associated with cardiovascular and cognitive risks. All assays of interest are available and can be performed at the CTRI, making the CTRI the ideal location for processing of our human subject research samples.

6. It is critical to our research that we use the services and technologies that UCSD CTRI provides to the VA researchers which is required by the VA Institutional Review Board (IRB).

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

In accordance with FAR 10.001, Market Research was conducted prior to solicitation to determine the availability of Phlebotomy & Echocardiogram Services for the VA San Diego. The Contracting Officer performed a Vendor Information Pages (VIP) search under the NAICS Code: 611310 – Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools. In referencing the Keywords: Phlebotomy for possible SDVOSB/VOSB concerns who could possibly meet the needs of the request. The search result returned zero (0) certified SDVOSB/VOSB concerns that could meet the needs of this request.

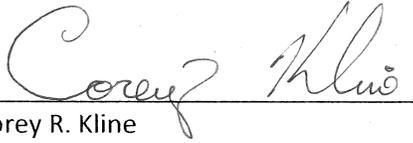
Based on MOU/IRB# H140057 and historical prices paid by VA for this requirement in previous fiscal years, the price for this requirement will range between \$14,490.00 - \$20,355.00.

Acquisition History shows that this is a recurring request which was established under Contract# VA262-15-P-5913 PO# 664D55045 awarded on 6/30/2015 for \$16,867.32 on a Sole-Source Basis. Follow-on Contract VA262-16-P-2870 PO# 664D65025 awarded on 2/29/2016 for \$16,215.00 on a Sole-Source Basis. Follow-on Contract VA262-17-P-1942 PO# 664-D75011 awarded on 1/1/2017 for \$17,700.00 on a Sole-Source Basis.

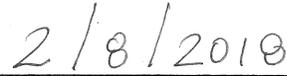
It is the Contracting Officer's recommendation to issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) to inform industry contractors of the Government's intent to Execute a Sole-Source award under FAR Part 13 – Simplified Acquisition procedures (SAP), specifically FAR Subpart 13.106-1(b)(1)(i) – allowing Contracting Officer's (CO) to solicit from one source for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold based on the determination that the University of San Diego (UCSD) Clinical & Transitional Research Institute (CTRI) is the only approved source by the VA Institutional Review Board (IRB) site to perform all laboratory procedures indicated in the IRB protocol for the Phlebotomy & Echocardiogram services request for this particular procurement. Based on this information, it would be in the best interest to procure this service from the University of California, San Diego on a sole-source basis.

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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Date