

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: VA69D-18-AP-2256

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 12,
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** Two facilities in VISN 12 required full-service service agreements on their Impella AIC heart pump used by each facilities Cardiology-Cath Labs. The agreements must include service loaners, rentals (if needed). The equipment covered under this agreement are mechanical pumps that assist a damaged or weakened heart in pumping blood and can be used for temporary support until the heart regains function, or until a heart transplantation can be performed.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The equipment requires an OEM trained, certified technician and specific testing equipment to perform needed preventive maintenance and Abiomed is the sole provider of this service. Market research indicated no other vendor can provide service needed and FPDS confirmed that said service is being performed by vendor at several VAMC across the country on a sole source basis.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Researched google, GSA, FPDS, Past Performance, VetBizz, SBA, FBO.gov. A query on VetBizz using NAICS 811219 and keyword: Impella AIC only 1 SDVOSB and 0 VOSB matched. The following vendor that matched, Hawk Electric LLC is a construction firm and does not provide preventive maintenance on Impella AIC heart pumps. A search on SBA site under NAICS 811219, keyword Impella AIC returned 0 matches for a small company but the DUNS number 050536737 does match Abiomed. FBO.gov provided 0 matches. Sources sought provided 0 inquires. Past performance confirmed Abiomed has been providing service to our equipment at least since 2012. FPDS revealed over 490 contracts current and past were awarded to Abiomed for preventive maintenance service for the Impella Heart Pumps. The market research noted above has led to the following conclusion: A determination that the use of a sole source contract is in the best interest of the VAMC and anticipated cost of the contract will be fair and reasonable with the authority provided at FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i), only one source reasonably available.
- 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.*

Name

Date