

**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: [VA25218AP2185](#)

**1. Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Great Lakes Acquisition Center, NCO-12  
115 South 84th Street, Suite 101  
Milwaukee, WI 53214-1476

William S. Middleton MVH  
2500 Overlook Terrace  
Madison, WI 53705

2237 Number: 607-18-2-969-0030

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

Justification for Brand Name Only procurement, for the William S. Middleton MVH requirement of Centurion Vision System equipment manufactured by ALCON LABORATORIES, INC. The William S. Middleton MVH requires new Centurion Vision System equipment for the Ophthalmology Department. This equipment is used during phacoemulsification procedures. The current phacoemulsification machine has been inconsistent and the surgeons have had issues with the machine stopping while in the middle of a procedure. The William S. Middleton MVH has just one phacoemulsification machine so surgical cases have had to be canceled while the machine was being fixed.

Estimated Amount: ██████████

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

The Centurion Vision System manufactured by ALCON LABORATORIES, INC. has a patent for a reverse flow technology that allows for more stability in the chamber mechanics by decreasing surges and rupturing the back capsule. The Centurion Vision System features a combination of technology and innovative fluidics to enhance emulsification and reduces fluid use in the eye. The intrepid balanced tip was designed to improve efficiency by reducing tip movement at the incision, enhancing torsional tip movement at the distal end, and providing an alternative "straight" tip for torsional phacoemulsification procedures. The Centurion Vision System has proprietary features designed to improve patient outcomes, enhance surgical control and provide a smoother procedure overall.

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

Market Research Sources: Ability One / FSS Search / Sources Sought / Communication with Manufacturer

Market Research Findings:

Ability One website search was conducted; Ability One does not provide the required product. FSS search conducted, resulting in no FSS contract holders providing the requirement.

Sources Sought 36C25218Q0420 was posted to FBO on 01/10/2018; with responses, due by COB on 01/15/2018.

Two (2) vendors, one (1) Other Than Small Business, and one (1) VOSB provided a response indicating they can provide this requirement.

Communication with Manufacturer, ALCON LABORATORIES, INC, resulted in the advising that they do have a VOSB distributor, O.R. ELDER, INC. Pricing information received from VOSB distributor O.R. ELDER, INC. is comparable to pricing provided by the manufacturer, ALCON LABORATORIES, INC.

Based on the information provided above, it is determined this procurement will be fulfilled by sole sourcing a purchase order with O.R. ELDER INC., a VOSB, i/a/w: VAAR 819.7008.

**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.*

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Thomas H. Chesak  
Contracting Officer NCO-12