

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Brand name IAW FAR 13.106-1

For

Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$150K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C25718Q0599/740-18-2-915-4458

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 17, North Texas Medical Center. Network Contracting Office (NCO) 17, Dallas, TX 75216
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** This procurement is for the purchase of ResMed;s full face mask for the Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) that are stocked at the Valley Coastal Texas Veterans' Hospital.
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only One BRAND, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) and accessories are currently issued to veterans requiring treatment. The Valley Coastal Bend Texas Veterans' Hospital must have these items in stock and must be available for new issues as well as replacement items for Veterans requiring parts or experiencing equipment issues. Acquiring new CPAP "Brand" and accessories will require replacing the existing CPAPS and accessories that have been issued to Veterans, and will incur significant replacement cost. Acquiring different brands will also require additional storage space and affect the inventory management process. Substituting with other brands than that specifically prescribed is beyond the role, competency, and professional functions of the Contract Specialist and Contracting Officer.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** No SBA Waiver exist for this requirement. Market research determined there aren't two or more Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses (SDVOSBs) who can provide the brand specific items. As such, this requirement will be set-aside for Veteran Owned Small Business on the Open Market.
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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Contracting Officer
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03/30/2018
Date