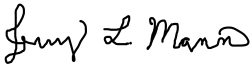


DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**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: VA246-18-AP-7578

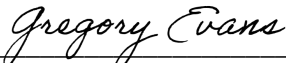
1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 06, Hampton VA Medical Center, 100 Emancipation Drive, Hampton VA 23667.
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**
The Richmond VAMC is procuring a brand-name CentriMag Acute Circulatory Support System (**Thoratec Corporation**) to assist with their cardiac surgery cases. The estimated amount is;
\$114,517.50.
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The CentriMag Acute Circulatory Support System and accessories are proprietary to Thoratec Corporation, which is now a part of Abbott Laboratories Inc. Abbott Laboratories Inc. currently does not have any authorized resellers/distributors for these products in the United States of America. The CentriMag system will allow the Richmond VAMC to maintain consistency of care for cardiac patients by using electromagnetic forces to operate the rotor/impeller without bearings or seals. This feature makes the CentriMag device the safest on the market by reducing the risk of clot formation and ultimately increasing patient safety. As 1 of 4 VA's currently performing heart transplants, the Richmond VAMC is currently using CentriMag devices that are at or near the end of their life expectancy. Replacing the current devices maintains continuity of care and avoids the additional costs associated with purchasing a new brand, training, and implementation. The Richmond VAMC surgeons are extensively trained on these devices and making a brand-name purchase will allow for zero disruption in services at the Richmond VAMC cardiac center.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Market research consisted of querying the FPDS-NG website for like purchases of the needed items. All awards within the system were made to Thoratec Corporation, St. Jude Medical S.C. Inc. (absorbed Thoratec), or Abbott Laboratories Inc. The results from FPDS-NG in conjunction with the manufacturer letter provided by Abbott Laboratories Inc. confirmed the proprietary nature of the acquisition. The items are currently available through Abbott Laboratories Inc for purchase. The contracting agency feels that a sole source award to Abbott Laboratories Inc IAW FAR Part 6.302-1(a)(2) is in the best interest of the government.
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.*



Jerry L Mann
Contracting Specialist

4/30/18

Date



Gregory Evans
Contracting Officer

4/30/2018

Date