

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification for Single Source Awards IAW FAR 13.106-1
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)**

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA257-18-AP-0447

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 17, Audie L. Murphy Veterans Medical Center (ALM-VAMC), Network Contracting Office 17 (NCO-17), Supply Branch 1. The Purchase Request (PR) number is 671-18-1-039-0009.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** This is a requirement for the purchase of the ThinPrep 5000 Processor to fully automate our current use of the ThinPrep Pap Test. The estimated amount is \$85,000.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The ThinPrep Pap Test is the only liquid-based Pap test FDA approved for use with all current FDA-approved HPV tests. It is also FDA cleared for chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomoniasis testing from the same vial. The ThinPrep Pap Test is designed for the ThinPrep 5000 Processor specifically. These supplies are required for proper performance of the system and cannot be substituted. Product performance will be compromised if other supplies are used. The ThinPrep 5000 Processor is the only fully automated processor that can utilize the ThinPrep Pap liquid-based FDA-approved Pap Test. Hologic is the sole proprietary manufacturer and the domestic distributor for the ThinPrep-5000 processor, ThinPrep Pap Test package, and all of the ThinPrep System Disposables. No other vendors are acceptable. This system is standardized within VISN17. The users are trained specifically for this equipment, and there are substantial supplies already on hand.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Market research was conducted by searching for other ThinPrep machines available on the commercial marketplace. The Thinprep 2000 by Trivitron is also available on the commercial marketplace and is the equipment currently in use. The Thinprep 2000 would not satisfy the Government's needs because it is not a fully automated system that allows "walk-away" use as the Hologic Thinprep 5000 does.

A search of FPDS for Thinprep requirements has shown that the only Hologic was able to fulfill the requirements of the VA for Thinprep equipment under FSC code 6515 (Medical And Surgical Instruments, Equipment, and Supplies) for the Department of Veterans Affairs from 2016 – 2018.
- 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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