

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-8973

- 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:**

This requirement is for a brand name Leica CM1950 Cryostat Platform for the Salem VAMC. The Leica Cryostat Platform is a device that allows technicians to quickly, reliably, and safely cut accurate frozen sections to respond to surgeon's intraoperative consultations. The Leica CM1950 is a highly adaptable platform that can be tailor-made for each laboratory. By starting with the standard instrument and choosing from a range of options, every laboratory can have the clinical cryostat for their individual needs. These units are used to provide instant feedback to the surgeons while performing procedures for patients still on the operating table. The estimated amount is; \$33,282.47.00.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**

This procurement will replace a current non-functioning Leica Cryostat at the Salem VAMC and ensure that the facility maintains two functioning, compatible Cryostats to meet their facility and patient needs. Purchasing a newer model of the current in-house models will allow the Salem VAMC to transfer previously purchased equipment associated with the current model and apply it to the newer model without the additional costs of add-ons/training. Procuring the Leica CM1950 Cryostat will also allow the Salem VAMC to posture for an increase in services without the additional costs of training and new platform installation. The Salem VAMC Histology technicians and Pathologists are thoroughly trained on the Leica system platform and a change in platform at this point would disrupt the services provided by the Salem VAMC.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**

Market research efforts revealed that Leica Biosystems (Large Business; DUNS: 063440460) was the sole manufacturer of the items needed for this procurement. Further efforts revealed Government Scientific Source, Inc. (SDVOSB; DUNS 785807611) as their only SDVOSB distributor for North America. The government intends to pursue a brand-name, sole source award to Government Scientific Sources IAW FAR Part 6.302-1—Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirement.

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 Officer

5/14/18

Date