

**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)**

**BRAND NAME ONLY**

**Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA246-18-AP-0188**

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 6, for the Kernersville Health Care Center (HCC) plans to contract by means other than full and open competition in response to procurement request 659-18-3-937-0017.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** This procurement is in accordance with FAR 13.5 Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items and specifically FAR 13.501 Special Documentation Requirements, where acquisitions conducted under Simplified Acquisition Procedures are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2. This procurement request is for Kleinsasser Panendoscopy Instruments. These instruments are used for examination and surgery to the upper aerodigestive tract (pharynx, larynx, upper trachea, and esophagus). There are risks and complications with the procedure(s) which may involve removal or biopsy of any abnormal tissue.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one BRAND NAME with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The requested Kleinsasser instruments are manufactured by Karl Storz. They are being purchased as additions to Kleinsasser Panendoscopy instrument sets currently being utilized by the medical facilities. The required instruments are of specific size, length, angle, and degree required by the surgeon for Panendoscopy procedures. The instruments are sharpened by a proprietary sharpening process resulting in an exceptionally sharp edge. The result is a clean-cut versus tearing cut, minimalizing tissue damage. Standardization of instruments is needed between the Salisbury VA Medical Center, and the Kernersville HCC. Instrumentation and staff float between the sites to assure timely care to our Veterans. Use of same brand of surgical instruments reduces the chance of incorrect set assembly and assures adequate sterile processing procedures. Standardization is needed for patient safety.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** GSA Advantage was searched but the requested items were not found. The VIP database was searched using NACIS code 339112 and keyword "endoscopy"; the website listed 2 vendors (1<sup>st</sup> American Medical Distributors, and Alliant Enterprises). Emails was sent directly to these two companies and both responded back that they could not quote. A Sources Sought Notice (36C24618Q9229) was posted on FedBizOpps for 7 days (6/11/18 through 6/18/18). There were responses from 2 vendors: L1 Enterprises (SDVOSB) and American Medical Depot (SB). Both provided letters indicating that they are authorized distributors for these instruments.
- 5. Contracting Officer's Certification:** Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR 13.106-1(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 – NCO6

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