

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-7103

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 6 Station 659 Medical Center; W. G. Hefner Medical Center; 1601 Brenner Ave.; Salisbury, NC 28144

2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:

Safety shoes and boots to be worn by employees at the Salisbury VA Health Care Systems. Protective footwear is needed employees who work in positions that are at risk for foot injury. Both composite and steel toe footwear is needed to meet a variety of job requirements. The estimated costs for providing footwear for the approximately 216 employees.

3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:

Required brands include Merrell boots and shoes, Wolverine insulated/waterproof boots, Bates boots, Timberland insulated/waterproof boots, Skechers shoes, SRMAX shoes and boots, Rockport, Hytest and Hush Puppies. The VA Salisbury has provided safety foot wear to its staff for over 35 years and have worked to insure staff have comfortable, reliable, slip resistant and durable products. The above listed products are time tested and have met the needs of our employees. Seldom has one of these products failed. These products are used in kitchens, maintenance shops, construction sites, housekeeping areas, sterile processing, and warehouses. The wide variety of brands insure staff can find appropriate footwear for their individual needs. Numerous staff have medical problems that make footwear fitting difficult. Shoe/boot brand and types help insure proper fitting to prevent foot injury.

6.302-1 Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

(c) Application for brand-name descriptions.

(1) An acquisition or portion of an acquisition that uses a brand-name description or other purchase description to specify a particular brand-name, product, or feature of a product, peculiar to one manufacturer—

(i) Does not provide for full and open competition, regardless of the number of sources solicited; and

(ii) Shall be justified and approved in accordance with 6.303 and 6.304.

4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:

VHAPM Part 813.106 Simplified Acquisition Procedures: Soliciting from a Single Source
Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under \$150K

The listed web sites were reviewed to determine footwear quality and conduct comparisons.
www.topworkboots.com, www.topbestprice.com/top-20-best-selling-mens-work-safety-boots;
www.best-workbootsguide.com;

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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