

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification for *Brand Name* Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)**

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA256-18-AP-6471

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office (NCO) 16
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System

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

The overall purpose is to provide additional collimator options that are required to perform specific examinations. Examinations such as high resolution thyroid imaging and whole body I-131 imaging are impossible without High Energy Collimators and PinHole Collimators. These collimators were not included in the original purchase to the imaging equipment. The collimators must be acquired from the same vendor as the equipment that is already in place

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

Collimators are specifically designed and manufactured by the vendor. In this case, Siemens. This is because the camera system needs to properly recognize the collimator due to its unique characteristics. A non-Siemens collimator would potentially fail to be recognized by the camera system and in addition potentially cause severe damage to the camera itself. Additionally, Siemens will not support non-Siemens products in the event of damage or any other malfunctions due to the off-brand additions.

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

Currently the Veteran Information Pages has 1119 vendor available using NAICS 334510. Using key word "thyroid imaging" there are 15 vendors available. Acquisition history includes several sources such as Siemens, Veterans Healthcare Supply Solutions, General Electric, and Philips Medizin.

Thyroid imaging collimator was not available within GSA. GSA Advantage had the Atom lab 960 Thyroid Update System -115V—manufacturer Biodex Medical. Vendor: Pulcir, Inc.—Small, and VOSB.

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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June 25, 2018
Date