DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Single Source Awards IAW <u>FAR 13.106-1</u>
For

Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$150K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA249-18-AP-1036, Transaction# 626-18-3-262-0143

- 1. <u>Contracting Activity</u>: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN09, TVHS (626), Nashville Campus VA Medical Center, 626-18-3-262-0143.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:

 This requirement is for various research equipment and paraphernalia to include Imaging

 Microscopes and a Rapid Exchange Onsite Incubator for use by the Research and Development Lab

 at the Nashville Campus VAMC. The equipment will be used on continuing research. The estimated
 cost for all items is
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used: The requested equipment is to replace and supplement existing equipment in the pursuit of academic and medical research the nature of which requires the parts or equipment already in use be replaced by parts or equipment from the same manufacturer. This ensures research standards are maintained and results are standardized. As such the requested brand name equipment on the referenced 2237 Purchase Request are the only ones that will suffice the needs of the government.
- **4.** Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted: Market Research was conducted and veteran-owned businesses can supply the requested items.
- **5.** Contracting Officer's Certification: Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b)(1)(i). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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