

**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:** 544-18-4-090-0375

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 7, WJB Dorn VA Medical Center, Research and Development (151), 6439 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209; transaction #544-18-3-090-0345.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**  
The intended service is to provide comprehensive maintenance services for the Leica SP8 laser-scanning confocal microscope use by WJB Dorn VAMC Research and Development. This equipment is utilized by VA researcher to produce 3-dimensional images of microscopic structures in animal cell models of human diseases; Base year + 3 option years, total: \$117,807.80
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** Vendor is the developer and sole distributor of this equipment, original equipment manufacturer (OEM). To date Leica Microsystems has not allowed any other organization or person (with exception of its own employees) to be trained and certified on for service and repair.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**  
This is a highly specialized and sophisticated computer controlled machine, requiring specialized training and knowledge to diagnose and repair any problems that occur. Leica uses a unique design that is not like other confocal microscopes. No other entity apart from Leica Microsystems makes parts for this piece of equipment
- 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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