

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification for Single Source Awards IAW FAR 13.106-1  
For  
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)**

**Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA263-18-AP-6498**

1. **Contracting Activity:** US Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 23, 4801 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud Minnesota, 56303-2099. **Ordering Activity:** US Department of Veterans Affairs, 4101 Woolworth Avenue, Omaha Nebraska.

**2237: 636-18-3-1963-0351**

2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** A firm fixed price purchase order for two (2) Zeiss OS HFA3 Model 860 eye systems for the Omaha VA
3. **Unique characteristics that ensure availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**

All of NWIHCS Eye Clinics have the Zeiss and it is the community standard. It is the visual field analyzer used in all of the glaucoma treatment trials. All of the Omaha VA HCS eye techs, residents, fellows and staff ophthalmologists, including our glaucoma specialist have been trained using this system. The Omaha VA HCS would have to re-train all of our techs and staff on a new system for a very busy clinic. In addition, the Omaha Eye Clinic would be unable to compare visual fields sent to us from community eye care providers or from their CBOCs, as when the VA Eye Clinic receives visual field images from community care, they are 100% in Zeiss HVF format.

The Omaha VA HCS has a large data base of visual fields that are used for comparison to detect glaucoma progression over time. It would be very difficult to switch to a new system. In order to compare visual fields longitudinally, it is important to have the same standard format and visual field set up and sensitivity data. This would be impossible with a different visual field format. Worsening of glaucoma, may necessitate more aggressive medical and/or surgery intervention to prevent blindness. Also, there may be a potential medico-legal liability or risk management ramifications if the Omaha VA HCS missed or delayed the diagnosis of glaucoma progression, plaquenil toxicity or a brain tumor due to a different visual field format. In addition, the Omaha Eye Clinic cannot archive years of data on another machine. All test data from previous Zeiss Humphrey Visual Fields can be passed and used on the new Zeiss HFA.

The Zeiss HFA has a Progression analysis program validated by the Early Manifest Glaucoma Trial. It automatically corrects for cataract effects, test point location, severity and overall field status. The HFA 3 reduces patient setup time by automatically loading each patient's refractive or eyeglasses correction from previous exam, thus faster patient flow and reduction in error in selecting corrective lenses.

VHAPM Part 813.106 Simplified Acquisition Procedures: Soliciting from a Single Source  
Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under the SAT

The HFA 3 also has precision fixation monitoring and gaze tracking capability. Fixation is checked with every stimulus presentation. This is an important reliability tool.

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

A VIP search for the NAICS 339112 yielded 303 matches, however a separate VIP search with NAICS 339112 and the keyword 'zeiss' yielded no matches. Based on personal knowledge from other procurements in our office, I am aware of at least two (2) authorized SDVOSB distributors for this instrument.

**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.*

08/23/18

07/25/2018  
Date