

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: VA255-18-AP-4263/657-18-3-8801-0081

1. **Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Louis VA Medical Center, 915 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO.  
63106 -1621 and NCO 15 3450 S. 4th Street Leavenworth, KS 66048.

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

12 - Blickman Surgical Case Cart 52"W x26.25"D x40.5"H

2 – Blickman Surgical Case Cart 42"Wx26.25"Dx40.5"H

The invention of the case cart ushered in new possibilities for efficiently supporting major surgical procedures. Before then, all the instrumentation and supplies per procedure had to be assembled separately—an extraordinarily time-consuming process for O.R. surgical staff.

Estimated Amount: [REDACTED]

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

STANDARDIZATION - The facility is currently using at least 40 Blinkman surgical case carts. These additional case carts requested are for standardization. The current Blinkman case carts are precisely measured to fit in our elevator/dumbwaiter to transport surgical instrumentations to and from the Operating Room and Sterile Processing Services. When a Blinkman case carts is broken or beyond repair, the facility can salvage the parts (shelves, door/doors lock, casters, etc) to use as a replacement, a significant cost savings for the VA.

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

- [REDACTED]

**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.

**Submitted By:** Emilio Ballentos  
Contract Specialist

7/27/2018  
X Yvonne B Kittling  
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Contracting Officer  
Signed by: Yvonne B. Kittling, [REDACTED]