

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: 36C261-18-AP-0584

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 21, VA Northern California Healthcare System (VANCHCS), Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**  
The VA currently has a contract with UC Davis to provide reference laboratory testing for STAT or short specimen stability tests and Dermatopathology consultation. UCD provides 24/7 support and courier services for specimens that are STAT or have short stability.  
A modification is required to fund the increased need in Procalcitonin testing used to determine Sepsis in patients in a timely manner; a new sepsis protocol was established by the VANCHCS Emergency Department and the VA does not have the ability to perform this test in-house, leading to a higher volume of specimens than anticipated to be sent to UC Davis' Clinical and Pathology Lab in fiscal year18. The value of the modification is \$96,629.97.
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**  
The VANCHCS clinical laboratory is unable to perform all the required testing for the medical center and some specialized tests require a 24 hour or less turnaround time from collection. UC Davis has the capability, is local, offers a 24/7 courier service and can complete the testing within the required time frame. UCD also provides other STAT testing and testing for specimens with limited specimen stability. UCD also provides Dermatopathology consult support as needed.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**  
Market research was limited based on the immediate need for the testing and the existing contract available. Additionally, the VANCHCS intends to expand their inhouse laboratory capabilities in the near future.
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.*

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Tracy Worrell, Contracting Officer

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