

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: 36C246-AP-18-1997

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 06, Hampton VA Medical Center | 100 Emancipation Drive Hampton, VA 23667 | INFINIUM METHYLATION EPIC | 558-18-4-389-0253
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** The requested items are reagents and array kits to test blood and brain RNA samples as a continuing need to complete a research project. | [REDACTED]
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** Illumina is the Sole Manufacturer and source of the Infinium Methylation Products in the United States. Illumina has not approved any third-party intermediary for this particular transaction. No other vendor sells the requested items. Additionally other equipment in the lab, including robotics system, is designed to work exclusively with Illumina platforms, and thus would require the Infinium Methylation EPIC in order to fit in the laboratory workflow.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted :** Market Research was conducted IAW FAR PART 10, by checking GSA Advantage, Elibrary, and FPDS to make sure items was open market. A check of the NAC Med-Surg online catalog was conducted and the item was not found amongst the items on contract. Sources Sought 36C24618Q9656 posted on August 13th, 2018 yield negative results, for alternative sources.
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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