

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: 36C256-18-AP-0908

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network 16 Contracting Activity, Biloxi Medical Center. Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition for #2237
520-18-3-031-0145 ORA Surgical System.
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**
ORA Surgical System with VERIFEYE+(Bundled) includes ORA System Aberrometer, ORA System Cart, software, accessories, manuals, one-year Parts and Labor Warranty, Shipping and Handling, Installation and On-Site Training. The performance period is 60 days After Receipt of Order (ARO).

Estimated value under \$150K

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

Only One Responsible Source [FAR 6.302-1(c) BRAND NAME] –

The GCVHCS' Ophthalmology Department requested to purchase an intraoperative aberrometer that mounts to a surgical microscope to enable the surgeon to predict the most accurate IOL calculation at the time of surgery by accounting for any changes from the pre-operative predicted IOL. This has not been available previously at the GCVHCS. For continuity of research and for continuity of patient care, it is critical that our ophthalmologists utilize this highly specialized equipment throughout the department. It also is deemed a useful recruitment tool for the VA to have more highly specialized equipment to attract more staff.

The ORA Surgical System with VERIFEYE+(Bundled) is manufactured by Alcon Laboratories, Inc and distributed by O.R. Elder Inc., a Veteran-owned small business (VOSB). There are no other alternatives to purchase this new equipment.

The ORA Surgical System is being purchased for use in Cataract surgery on our veteran patients and will allow for more accurate post-operative results which is increasingly becoming the standard of care. This system measures sphere, cylinder and

axis and measures eyes with pupils ranging from 4 mm to 10 mm diameter. It must be able to measure eyes with lens opacities of 2+ or less, if being used in the phakic setting and provide intraoperative validation. It also is proven safer for Veterans/patients as this doesn't touch the eye.

Specifications/Characteristics:

Equipment/Instrument shall have a user interface of 17 in. with a touch screen at 1024 x 768 resolution.

Unit shall have an On-screen keyboard as the primary input device.

Shall provide an Optical laser power to the cornea to be less than 445 microwatts.

Optical beam diameter at the cornea must be between 0.3 mm and 1.0 mm diameter, measured at the 1/e² points.

ORA System Cart storage dimensions of approximately 28"L x 28"W x 64" and a cart that weighs no more than 100 lbs.

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

This requirement was posted on the Federal Business Opportunities website in a Pre-Solicitation Notice stating that we intend to negotiate directly with O.R. Elder Inc (VOSB) on a sole-source basis. We will correspond with any other companies that express an interest in this requirement.

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.*

Melanie Hawley
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Biloxi, Network Contracting Activity (NCO) 16

8-30-2018
Date