

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Brand Name Justification IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)  
For  
Port Access and IV Start Kits**

**Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Network Contracting Office 19 (CNO19)  
6162 S. Willow Dr. Suite 300  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

**Organizational Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
George E Whalen VA Medical Center  
500 Foothill Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84148

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

The Salt Lake City Veterans Affairs Medical Center has a requirement for a Firm Fixed priced, contract award for custom packs. These packs have been designed by our clinicians and infection prevention teams to ensure an easy to follow step process is conducted for any intravenous.

**Required Delivery Date:** Within 30 days after receipt of order (ARO)

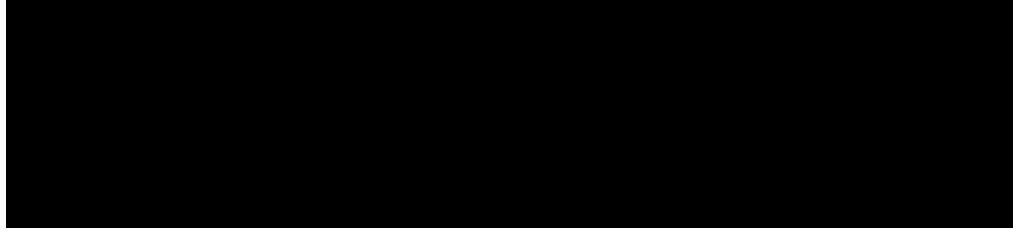
- 2. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one manufacturer, with the reason no other manufacturer can be used:** Unique Characteristics of the Medline Blood Stream Infection (BSI) custom Packs: the kits have custom packaging, photo imaging and on-site in-servicing that drive nursing staff compliance and reduce BSI incidents. Each BSI incident equates to approximately \$20k per incident. Further, the Medline BSI custom packs allow the medical center to also maintain the INS standards of sterility to keep Central Line Acquired Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI), a Joint Commission requirement. The pocket system is the new standards for care during dressing changes. The custom kits being requested offer complete and total "Standardization and Compliance" to the specific protocols which fall in line with National standards.

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

Market research has been conducted by VA Vascular program, and has been determined that the Peripheral Intravenous Line (PIV) kits, Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Central Venous Catheter (CVC) dressing kits, and the new Port placement/removal kits must be pocket type that allows step by step procedures, ensuring Standardization and Compliance within the VA Medical Center. VHA Handbook 1761.1, Standardization of Supplies and Equipment Procedures, establishes procedures for the national standardization of supplies and equipment utilized in VHA. Utilizing the pocket system national standard from Medline allows for standardizing high-quality health care, at the best-value product pricing that meets practitioner needs.

VHAPM Part 813.106 Simplified Acquisition Procedures  
Attachment 1: Brand Name Justification for SAP under \$150K

4. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



5. **Approvals:**

**Contracting Officer (Branch Chief) 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.*

