

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: 36C248-18-AP-0741

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 08, Orlando VA Healthcare System

Lake Nona VA Healthcare System
13800 Veterans Way
Orlando, FL 32827

PR: 675-18-3-085-0024

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

The Capio Slim Suture Capturing Device, and its accessories are used by the GYN surgeons. The product is used by the following VISN 8 stations: 573, 672, 675. The guidewires are used for vascular surgeries to access blood vessels to do the following procedures: dye injection, balloons, and stents. The Genesys System is used to remove diseased tissue from the uterus. The product is a follow-on to what is currently being used, and purchased under purchase order (PO) number 675P81322. The Genesys Procerva HTA is used for hysteroscopic thermal ablation.

3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used: The Capio Slim Suture Capturing Device's small size, and dart carrier diameter allows it to have an optimum bite depth to grasp and maneuver in small spaces. The Ergonomic Handle provides a 3 Finger Grip ability to allow surgeons to better operate in varying cases for GYN. The device is smaller; 3.0mm Shaft Diameter, 6.3mm Head Width, 1.2mm Carrier Diameter, and 38.2g Weight. The device is used with the following accessories:

- Guidewire Zipwire Standard .025" Diameter x 150cm Length, 3cm Flexible Straight Tip
- Genesys Procerva HTA
- Capio Suture 36" Tapercut Curved Polypro
- Capio Suture 48" Tapercut Double Arm Sterile Absorbable
- Capio Suture 48" Tapercut Curved Monodek
- Capio Suture, Size 0, 48" Tapercut Needle Double Armed Sterile
- Guidewire Thruway Short Straight 0.014, 190cm
- Amplatz Wire Super Stiff 0.035 x 260 (1cm) Straight
- Wire Control V-14 Short Taper 182cm
- Wire Control V-18 Poly Tip 150cm, 8cm

The guidewire characteristics are unique to Boston Scientific to include the feel, shape, consistency, and performance for Lake Nona's Surgeons. The surgeons have tried other systems and guidewires from other vendors. They did not meet the surgeon's standard of patient care. While other uterine

ablation systems are on the market, they are not compatible to the Genesys System that is currently in use. The Genesys System is only made by Boston Scientific, and the kits are unique to this vendor.

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

A search of GSA Advantage for the Suture Capturing Device found a related device in name only manufactured by Tyco Healthcare Group LP (DBA Covidien). A search of Genesys Procerva and Guidewire Zipwire was not found on GSA Advantage. Boston Scientific Corporation is listed on GSA as a manufacturer, and Buffalo Supply Inc. as distributor for their products. However, they were not a distributor for the above listed items. Searched SAC contract VA119-15-A-0045 with Boston Scientific and only found 1 out of 11 line items (line item 3, Guidewire Zipwire Standard .025" Diameter x 150cm Length, 3cm Flexible Straight Tip). The other 10 line items were not listed under VA119-15-A-0045. Searched FPDS, found previous purchases that were completed by VISN 8 stations 573 and 672. A search of Orlando VISTA found that items were purchased on October 19, 2017 under PO 675P81322. VIP found 70 vendors, RFI was sent to all. Received responses from 6 SDVOSBs. Only 1 SDVOSB responded that they could provide the items. Veterans' Healthcare Supply Solutions (VHSS) was verified to be the only authorized distributor from Boston Scientific. Sources Sought was posted on FBO with no responses received. VHSS provided a quote, however, the pricing was 25% over the IGCE dollar value. VHSS was unwilling to negotiate in the pricing. 2268 will be created to seek approval to award a Sole Source Contract to the manufacturer.

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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08/24/2018

Date