

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: 36C244-18-AP-0839

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 4, Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo VA Medical Center, PR 642-18-3-315-0179.
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**
This request is for a Carl Zeiss OPMI Lumera 700 System surgical microscope. The required items illuminate and magnify the surgical area and enable visualization in surgical procedures for both the anterior and posterior segments of the eye. The estimated cost of this procurement is [REDACTED].
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**
The Medical Center currently owns a Zeiss microscope and is requesting an additional scope. Additional training would not be required for staff as they presently use Zeiss microscopes for ophthalmic procedures. The requested Zeiss scope can interface with existing Zeiss products in the clinic for standardization and compatibility.

The Lumera offers additional unique and required characteristics. As part of the teaching curriculum at the VA it is critical that the scope have the capability to add in additional teaching heads, allowing two people to work with the magnification in the operating field. The head independently pivots and has separate magnification levels which is critical to both the surgeon and resident operating. It is imperative that the assistant scope can be rotated to enable left-side or right-side stereo co-observation without disassembling the co-observer tube during the procedure. This feature is unique to Zeiss.

The Lumera's lighting is unique to this scope and the stereo coaxial illumination extends this higher contrast view toward the periphery. The Lumera enables the surgeon to locate the alignment bars on toric IOLs which other brand scopes do not do efficiently. The Lumera has the high contrast retroillumination which is unique to Zeiss and improves capsular visibility and assists in completion of capsulorhexis. With the stereo coaxial illumination (SCI) the most minute anatomical structures are clearly in view during ophthalmic surgeries. The red reflex further enhances detail recognition which is critical for the surgeon working within the eye.

The wireless foot control pedal offers the surgeon freedom to move the device and configure functions based on preference. This wireless functionality precludes provider tripping issues, and eliminates the requirement to sterilize the cord between procedures. The Zeiss foot pedal offers the largest preset options for the provider allowing them to focus their attention on the task at hand which promotes better outcomes. Having the option of a scope that can utilize halogen or xenon illumination is essential and is unique to this scope.

Additionally, Zeiss is offering trade-in value for an existing Zeiss scope, which will reduce the cost of this purchase.

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

The technical team at Cpl. Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center conducted research regarding the technical characteristics of the requested items. The CS determined that Carl Zeiss currently works [REDACTED] authorized SDVOSB distributors. As such, this requirement will be set aside for SDVOSB vendors.

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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