

**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/2237#: 438-18-4-040-0741**

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 23, Sioux Falls VA Health Care System, Fargo Contracting Office, Tissue Tek Stainer System 2237#438-18-4-040-0741
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** Tissue Tek Stainer System Acquisition Request.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** There are 2 sources available under GSA Contract that can provide this item. This a Brand Name acquisition due to this item is a direct replacement for the Stainer System utilized by the Pathology Department. Changing to a similar product would require changing established processes and retraining staff on the new equipment, thus causing delays of treatment to Veterans base on the results of tests performed by this equipment. Also, it would potentially require the change of supplies already established and utilized by the equipment.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Searched GS Advantage for the product and reached out to the VOSB Distributor for a Market Research Quote.
- 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.*  
*Note: COs are required to make a determination of price reasonableness IAW FAR 13.106-3. See the [S19 Open Market \(FAR13\) Award Documentation Form with Abstract](#) to document price reasonableness.*

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