

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-1592

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 16, Michael E. DeBakey, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 2002 Holcombe, Blvd., Houston, Texas, 77030, Eye Care Line, Bldg. 100, RM 1C300.

2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:
The Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC) is currently requesting to purchase an additional Optovue Avanti Essential OCT System for their Eye Care service line.

This system is state of the art ophthalmic equipment that allows the provider to see a wider view of the retina in three dimensions with advanced depth imaging modes, which provides high resolutions views. This equipment allows for the provider to quickly identify structural abnormalities and provides a more comprehensive retinal assessment of the retina in an easy-to-read format.

3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used: The Optovue Avanti Essential Oct is the only system that will integrate/work with the existing systems at MEDVAMC. In the event another brand was used the whole instrument system would have to be replaced which is cost prohibitive. In addition, if another instrument system is selected, additional risk would be incurred as the MEDVAMC staff are currently familiar with the use and reprocessing producers for this particular brand. Training/re-education would be eliminated. Which would minimize risk for staff errors and improve patient safety.

4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:
A source sought was posted on FedBizOpps on 8/23/18. However, the results show there are no other vendors that can fulfill this requirement. In additionally, Optovue, Inc has provided a sole source provider letter stating they are the sole providers and distributors of the Avanti Essential OCT equipment. Please reference the market research report for additional details.

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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