

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: VA263-18-ap-8369

1. Contracting Activity: Network Contracting Office 23, 1303 5th St. Suite 300, Coralville, IA 52241

Requesting Activity: VA Medical Center, 601 Hwy 6 West, Iowa City, IA 52246

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

Estimated Amount: [REDACTED]

The requirement is for an EV1000 Hemodynamic Monitor with accessories for the ICU and is in accordance with FAR 13 Simplified Acquisition Procedures, and VAAR 819.7007 Sole source awards to a verified service-disabled Veteran-owned small business.

3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:

The Iowa City VA is expanding a part of its equipment system they use in the ICU. They currently use an EV1000 Hemodynamic Monitor and they have identified a need to have a second unit. They maintain an inventory of certain accessories that are proprietary to this brand. The medical staff are trained and familiar with this model. Staff at the ICU emphasize the importance of having standardization of medical equipment to avoid disruption of care that can result from the confusion of using more than one brands of equipment in their context.

Changing from one Brand-Name system for another Brand-Name would result in duplication of costs that could not be expected to be recovered through competition.

For these reasons, this particular model is essential as the description of this requirement and precludes purchase of a model by another brand.

Furthermore, the OEM informs us of only 2 possible sources to procure this instrument from: themselves, Edward Lifesciences a large business and 1st American Medical Distributors Inc., an SDVOSB.

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

VHAPM Part 813.106 Simplified Acquisition Procedures: Soliciting from a Single Source
Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under the SAT

The following information is provided per PPM 2016-05 for Implementation of Veterans First Contracting Program for an SDVOSB sole source authorized by 38 U.S.C 8127(c), enacted through FAR Part 6.302-5(a)(2)(i). The justification must comply with the format requirements at FAR 6.303-2. Specific attention should be given to the requirements outlined in FAR 6.303-2 subparagraphs (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7), (b)(8), (b)(10) and (b)(11) to maximize efforts to increase competition.

The justification shall include:

- (i) the number of SDVOSBs and VOSBs reviewed;
1 VETBIZ verified vendor was reviewed. The reviewing of more was precluded by the OEM informing us verbally and in an email that they have only one SDVOSB authorized distributor.
- (ii) documentation of the basis of price reasonableness;
The model requested is not on schedule with GSA or NAC. Searches were performed in FPDS and cost comparisons support the price we obtained to be fair and reasonable. Comparison to the OEM's price also support the price we obtained is fair and reasonable.
- (iii) an explanation why only one of the firms can accomplish the requirement;
The OEM informs us that they there is only one SDVOSB authorized distributor.
- (iv) an explanation for finding the non-competitive procurement is in the best interest of the government;
This procurement allows the government to meet the requirements of Veterans First via PPM 2016-05 as well as VA socioeconomic goals for SDVOSB procurements.
- (v) an explanation for selection of the contractor, which will allow the approving official to make a reasonable determination regarding whether a non-competitive procurement is appropriate;
Edwards Lifesciences is the OEM and a supplier. They authorize one other company to sell this item, and that company is an SDVOSB. Consequently, we have 2 sources to consider or compete. A competition here may even be illogical considering one source has the power to determine the outcome of the competition. The use of Procurement Policy Memorandum 2016-15 for an SDVOSB procurement is appropriate if the price is fair and reasonable.

5. Contracting Officer's Certification: *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b) and VAAR 819.7007. I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

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