

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: VA256-18-AP-1936

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 16, Central Arkansas Medical Center, NCO 16 Contracting Jackson Supply Team A. 2237 # 598-19-1-105-0015. Estimated \$73,000.00 for a year.
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**

The request is for Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Services (P&LMS) department for Becton Dickinson reagents and supplies to support the testing samples and for proper diagnosis of patients in testing in Flow Cytometry.

Flow cytometry is used in the diagnosis of health disorders, especially blood cancers, and other applications in research, and clinical trials.

The P&LMS department requires Becton Dickinson reagents and supplies on the current medical equipment to conduct the testing of the samples. The requirement is for the annual estimated value of reagents and supplies for the period of Oct 1, 2018 through Sept 30, 2019.
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**

The P&LMS department uses the Becton Dickinson FACS Control analyzer to perform flow cytometry. This equipment uses high quality reagents to perform the testing. Reagents must be manufactured in such a way that the tandem dyes are stable at room temperature for extended periods to provide acceptable staining of white cells as well as conserve reagents. Required correlation studies are validated (accuracy, precision, linearity), using the same reagents.

P&LMS perform testing for lymphoma, leukemia, and immune deficiency disease testing.

Becton Dickinson is the only vendor that can supply the validated reagents as the supplies are specific and unique to the equipment. The items are proprietary to the manufacturer. The reagents are also validated through, as required, by the College of the American Pathologists (CAP). Other reagents from other manufacturers are not compatible with the equipment.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**

While distributors identified as available for the private sector and outside the United States, correspondence with the manufacturer indicated that no distributors were authorized for Government (VA) sales. Existing equipment is state of the art and no other vendor could provide all the test required by Central Arkansas VAHCS. A search of historical contracts was performed and it was found that the previous year contract #VA256-17-P-2509 was awarded for the annual amount of \$90,000.0 and was awarded as a sole source document due to the reagents needed are proprietary to Becton Dickinson. Continue market research will be accomplished to verify if future opportunities can be placed for competition.

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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