DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Brand Name Awards IAW FAR 13.106-1

For

Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C257-19-AP-0038

- 1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 17, Network Contracting Officer in San Antonio is purchasing on behalf of Dallas VA Medical Center, under request (2237) number 549-19-1-096-0051.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:
 Request for brand name item for the purchase of 2 Wireless Flat Panel X-ray Detectors, Model
 4336W manufactured by Varian, that fits a 14" x 17" Bucky tray, used to produce X-ray images for patient diagnosis. The VA intends to award a new firm-fixed purchase order for name brand only.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:

Toshiba, the equipment provider, employs a specific type of detector that is intergraded into the software and design. The detector is a model 4336W made by VARIAN\VAREX with no other known detector available to operate in the Toshiba RADREX X-ray machine.

- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted: Contracting office conducted research and found that there were 35 VIP- verified SDVOSBs, 6 VOSBs that could provide the item. Using the Dynamic Small Business Search (DSBS) there were 90 SDVOSBs and 116 VOSBs that could provide the Wireless X-Ray Detector. There were no results for this item or similar items that are compatible with the existing x-ray machines found on GSA.
- **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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