

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-0043

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 17, Dallas VA Medical Center for Astra TEE Systems (PR Number 549-19-1-014-0008).
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**
The ASTRA TEE automated reprocessor facilitates high-level disinfection and rinsing of up to two (2) transesophageal ultrasound probes using FDA-approved and CIVCO Medical approved high-level liquid disinfectants. [REDACTED]
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**
The Astra TEE System is the only TEE automated reprocessor with hydrogen peroxide, high-level disinfectant option that meets FDA requirements. Units double the productivity and decrease labor hours from 33 minutes to between 9 and 11 minutes of total reprocessing time, per probe. This affords more RME available for direct patient care.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**
A search for SDVOSBs found that there are 310 VIP-verified SDVOSBs that could provide the produce. A GSA Advantage search showed that the manufacturer was the sole source, but on FPDS, there was a purchase from a SDVOSB. Upon contacting the manufacturer directly, the customer service representative stated that there is a VA contract in place, but they do authorize some SDVOSBs to distribute the product.
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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