

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-0153

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 17, Dallas VA Medical Center, Purchase Request 549-19-1-014-0013.
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**
The X5-1 transducer produces sound waves that bounce off body tissues and make echoes. The transducer also receives the echoes and sends them to a computer that uses them to create a medical image to assist in diagnosing. The requested item is the hand-held part of the ultrasound machine that is responsible for the production and detection of ultrasound waves.
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one brand, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**
The facility currently uses the Phillips iE33 Ultrasound System. The required probes are the only ones compatible with this system; no other transducers with similar specifications can work with the Philips iE33 Ultrasound System. The aperture of the Philips X5-1 Transducer is proprietary- helping to remove the barriers within 3D imaging, allowing clinicians the power to choose 2D, 3D, or combination imaging without disrupting workflow. It combines xMATRIX array technology with PureWave crystal technology to provide consistently excellent image quality.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**
A search for SDVOSBs found that there are 145 VIP-verified SDVOSBs that could provide the product. A GSA Advantage search yielded zero results, but there was a schedule that listed 4 small businesses and 1 VOSB that could provide the item on the open market. Upon contacting the manufacturer directly, the customer service representative stated that there are some SDVOSBs and small businesses that are authorized 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.*


Contracting Officer