

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: 36C246-19-AP-0390.

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network contracting office 6, Durham VA Medical Center, Req# 558-19-1-047-0016.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**

This is a Brand name requirement for EBSCO Custom Catalog products. The Durham VA Medical Center utilizes the EBSCO catalog search as their principal Online reference system. Moreover, EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) is a discovery service provider for libraries worldwide. It provides Online research content for libraries, including research databases, historical archives, point-of-care medical reference, and corporate learning tools serving end users and institutions. The following software are inclusive to this EBSCO buy: Nursing reference Center Plus; Full Text Finder; EBSCO Discovery Service and GIDEON (Global Infectious Disease and Epidemiology Network). Further, this procurement is in accordance with 41 USC 3304(a)(1), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1. A firm-fixed-priced contract is the planned contract vehicle for said procurement buy. Estimated cost is [REDACTED]
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**

EBSCO Industries Inc., is the only source for the sought EBSCO platform and use of the catalog products is essential to the Government's needs. Orders are conducted directly via EBSCO Industries Inc only as they do not permit authorized resellers for their proprietary search platform. Further, verbal confirmation from vendor supports that EBSCO Industries, INC. is the sole source provider for the EBSCO Catalog search platforms.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** This is a Brand Name only requirement for the EBSCO Health Renewal Package Nurse Reference Center Plus and supporting products. In accordance with FAR Part 10 market research was conducted by the contracting officer for this procurement. EBSCO Industries Inc., provided verbal assertion that they are the sole provider for resources via the EBSCO host proprietary search platform. A general search using NAICS 519130 returned 173 (144 SDVOSBs/ 29- VOSBs) vendors registered for this product. A secondary VIP search using NAICS code 511530 and key word "EBSCO" returned one capable vendor. An intent to sole source posting will be employed and the foretasted vendors pool under the general NAICS search will be notified of the posting on GPE (Government point of exchange).

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.*

Note: COs are required to make a determination of price reasonableness IAW FAR 13.106-3. See the [S19 Open Market \(FAR13\) Award Documentation Form with Abstract](#) to document price reasonableness.

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