

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification for Brand Name Only Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)  
For  
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)**

**Acquisition Plan Action ID:** VA-18-00161849

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 23, Iowa City VA Medical Center.
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**  
Repair and replace Research Chiller control panel, compressor, and fan motors. Must be a Trane X70370954030, 1.27 HP, 480 V, CCWLE, 3.2A, FRAME=56Y, 3PH, RPM 840 AND 7/8" SHAFT.  
Estimated cost: [REDACTED]
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only brand name, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**  
The control panel and compressor must be Trane OEM. The parts have imbedded microprocessors that are only compatible with microprocessors already installed in other areas of the Trane chiller, ensuring the machine functions as designed.
4. The fan motors must be name brand only.
5. Contractor must be a licensed HVAC contractor within the State of Iowa. Contractor shall be a certified Trane chiller technician with experience working on 1000 ton and higher Trane chillers Ensuring the facility is in compliance with the Joint Commission. All parts must be OEM, other than the fan motors, no other parts will be accepted.
6. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**  
Market research was conducted using the manufacturer's operation manual, internet searches, and industry standards.
7. **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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