

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:**
Department of Veterans Affairs, VAMC Jesse Brown, Chicago, IL
2237 Transaction # 537-12-2-969-0111
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
Sole source purchase of ENT surgical blades from Medtronic Sofamor Danek USA. This is an open market purchase for \$31,653.82.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
These ENT surgical blades are currently the standardized surgical implements in use at VAMC Hines, IL
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
 - (x) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
 - () (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
 - () (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
 - () (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
 - () (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
 - () (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
 - () (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the use of the authority cited above:**
Medtronic is the sole manufacturer and distributor of these ENT surgical blades. This product is the only acceptable ENT surgical instrument that meets the standardization requirement of the VAMC Jesse Brown, Chicago, IL. These blades also are the only blades that fit into the Medtronic Integrated Console and into the Straightshot M4 Microdebrider currently in use at this facility.
6. **Description of Efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
Market research was conducted on this item, and no acceptable equivalent blades were found to fit the current surgical instrumentation in place. This product is manufactured and distributed solely by Medtronic. These Medtronic blades are the only acceptable instruments currently in use at the VAMC Jesse Brown, Chicago, IL.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and**

Reasonable:

I have reviewed the current open market catalog pricing for this same merchandise. The government is being charged the current open market catalog price.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:

Market research was conducted on this item, but no acceptable equivalent is available. This product is solely manufactured and distributed by Medtronic, for exclusive use with Medtronic surgical devices.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:

VAMC Jesse Brown has implemented a surgical standardization of surgical instruments policy to ensure that the VAMC Jesse Brown's ENT surgical teams are consistently using the same instrumentation.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

None.

11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:

None.

Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service, someone with responsibility and accountability.)

Kari Campos
SIGNATURE

KARI CAMPOS
NAME

Surgical Service
SERVICE

5/4/12
DATE

Administrative Officer
TITLE

JESSE BROWN VAMC, CHICAGO, IL
FACILITY

Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Jason Baltutis
CONTRACTING OFFICER SIGNATURE

Jason Baltutis
NAME

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DATE

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NCM/PCM: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Linda Krupar
NCM/DESIGNEE SIGNATURE

CHRISTINE HANSEN
NAME

5-9-12
DATE

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