

## 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: 36C252-19-AP-3514- Stereotaxic Instruments  
2237 Number: 537-19-3-041-1134

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, SAOC-VISN 12, Great Lakes Acquisition Center, 115 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 101, Milwaukee, WI 53214.
2. **Organizational Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, 2030 West Taylor, Chicago, IL 60612-4223.
3. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center Science Department in Chicago, Illinois is requesting one (1) Model 1900 Stereotaxic Alignment Instrument and Accessories. This equipment is for use in basic science research on small rodents only. This research is essential to the VA as the results will provide data that could eventually formulate new medical treatments for Veterans. This equipment is familiar to the PI and lab members through collaborations with other investigators and is necessary for the timely and accurate completion of the research proposed. The price of the Brand Name item is \$25,745.00.
4. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center Science Department is requesting Brand Name Only David Kopf One (1) Model 1900 Stereotaxic Alignment Instrument and accessories. The Kopf Model 1900 series Stereotaxic Alignment System is manufactured solely by David Kopf Instruments and is protected under patent number 6,258,103 and patent number 6,716,220. The Stereotaxic Alignment System provides the ability to refine and manipulate the position of a small rodent's head in 3-dimensional space, independent of the clamping features of the head holding device, prior to exploring inside the head and brain. The system includes Model 1905 Stereotaxic Alignment Indicator which provides dimensional feedback required to measure the position of both Coronal Tilt and Dorsal Tilt. This unique design allows maximum stereotaxic adjustment for positioning the animals head, Dorsal/Ventral, Dorsal Tilt, Coronal Tilt, Anterior/Posterior and midline alignment (nose left / nose right). Additionally, this instrument provides dimensional output of each of these axes of manipulation with .010 mm resolution. Offering a new level of precision and accuracy the Model 1940 Micro-Manipulator provides 1-micron resolution linear glass scales with digital display readout, proving this instrument to be the most advanced manual manipulator available today. An additional unique feature of our Stereotaxic Alignment System is our quick-change tool holder which allows you to attach any stereotaxic alignment tool and maintain an exact common vertical centerline position tool-to-tool. This valuable feature will assist in reducing surgical time, increase hit rates as well as eliminate potential time-consuming errors. Kopf manufactures all tools compatible with our Stereotaxic Alignment System. All products designed for use on Kopf Model 1900 are interchangeable and can be used with other Model 1900 Stereotaxic Alignment Systems. If more than one set-up is being used in the lab this will insure versatility for numerous surgical procedures. The current science

department has existing David Kopf Model 1900 instruments for research, and we are requesting BNO to maintain accurate testing results with existing and interchangeable David Kopf research instruments. This equipment is required to perform accurate brain surgery to small rodents for VA related research for neurobiology of addictions.

**5. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**

Market research was conducted by the CO by starting to look within the VIP website. The CO searched under NAICS 334516 and keyword 'David Kopf' and the CO found zero results. The CO also search the MSPV-NG for the part numbers from the quote and found zero results. The CO also searched the GSA Advantage website and found no results. The CO also searched the DSBS under 334516 and David Kopf and no results came up. The CO also checked FPDS-NG for any previous purchases, and the CO did find that in May 2019 there was an award to vendor David Kopf for the same items that are being requesting here. The CO is requesting a FAR 13 (Brand Name Only) Open and Unrestricted solicitation IAW FAR 12.101© and FAR 13.104, thereby allowing the Government to obtain the best value.

**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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Name- Shari Lee  
Title- Contracting Officer

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