

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-4841

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 06, Durham VA Medical Center, Network Contracting Office 6, Bldg. 27 Averill Drive, Hampton, VA 23667. Purchase Request No. 558-20-1-44-0008.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** This is a Sole Source requirement for Protein Electrophoresis Testing (reagents) only compatible with the Hydrasys LC testing instrument, located at the Durham VAMC.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The Durham VAMC is currently in need of reagents to support approximately 3,600 protein tests and 500 immunofixation electrophoresis tests, annually. Currently, VA Durham is utilizing Sebia, Inc. reagents to conduct the aforementioned tests via the Hydrasys LC testing instrument. The Hydrasys LC testing instrument from Sebia Inc. is a cost per test rental, to perform in-house Protein Electrophoresis testing. As part of the cost per test rental agreement, Sebia Inc., maintains the rental equipment. The reagents are proprietary to Sebia, Inc. and must be run on Sebia, Inc. instruments.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Market Research was performed by the Contract Officer (CO) utilizing the World Wide Web, Google, GSA, VIP, NAC MedSurg Catalog, FPDS and Sam.

During market research the CO found that the products sought are available through Sebia, Inc. (Manufacturer/Small). The CS then spoke with Sebia, Inc. via phone, to inquire as to any potential partnerships with small or SDVOSB vendors. Sebia, Inc., has conveyed, they do not partner with any small or SDVOSB vendors, as they are the sole manufacturer and distributor of their reagents. Additionally, Sebia Inc. reagents are the only reagents compatible with the existing Hydrasys LC testing instrument. Past procurement history shows that this requirement has been a sole source to Sebia, Inc.

VHAPM Part 813.106 Simplified Acquisition Procedures: Soliciting from a Single Source
Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under the SAT

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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