

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: 36C260-19-AP-4486

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs, RPOW, Network Contracting Office 20 (NCO 20), 5115 NE 82nd Avenue, Suite 102, Vancouver, WA 98662. IAW FAR13.104, COs must promote competition to the maximum extent practicable to obtain supplies and services from the source whose offer is the most advantageous to the Government, considering the administrative cost of the purchase. When competition is not practicable, IAW FAR13.106-1(b), COs solicit from a single source for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. This requirement will be funded by PR-IFCAP # 531-19-4-199-0053.

2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:

This requirement is to provide Boise VA Medical Center (BVAMC) with service annual preventative maintenance of EMD Millipore Water Purification Systems. The three EMD Millipore Water Purification Systems provide essential research quality water for the research laboratory personnel. Blue Phantom is a measuring and calibration device used for the measurement and analysis of the radiation field of medical linear accelerators. EMD Millipore is the Manufacture of the EMD Water Purification Systems and retains full proprietary rights to the technology. As such, EMD Millipore is the sole source for preventative maintenance and repair on the equipment as well as the sole provider of OEM replacement parts. Without this preventative maintenance service, BVAMC research personnel would not be able to perform their duties. Estimated Base Period Amount: \$9,724.05, Base period plus four option periods estimated total amount: \$53,731.51

3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:

The EMD Millipore Water Systems are used to purify the water used by the BVAMC research personnel to perform the various research projects at their facility to benefit the veterans they provide service to. EMD Millipore is the Manufacture of the Water Purification Systems and EMD Millipore retains full proprietary rights to the technology. As such, EMD Millipore is the sole source providing in-field upgrades, repair and maintenance on the equipment as well as the sole provider of OEM replacement parts. EMD Millipore is the only company that supports this equipment. No other company can provide part, service or preventative maintenance on this equipment.

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

Market research was conducted to satisfy the requirements of the FAR 10.002(a) and is in the briefcase. EMD Millipore does not have authorized agents and retains full proprietary rights to the technology of the equipment. A review of EMD Millipore Water Purification Systems available in the market indicates that replacement of the equipment would not be cost effective. In addition, a

review of other systems indicates that retaining rights to the technology is common within the industry; therefore, replacing the equipment with another brand would not necessarily enhance competition for maintenance and repair services of the equipment.

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. IAW FAR 13.106-3(2)(ii) the price is determined to be fair and reasonable based on a vendors published commercial pricing for parts, service and preventative maintenance. Therefore, the pricing quoted by EMD Millipore is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Federal Government.

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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