

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: 36C249-19-AP-2078

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 9, Memphis VA Medical Center.
2237: 614-20-1-2042-0005.

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

The Memphis VA Medical Center Research officer requires a Basic Service Plan to include parts and software for the Avidity Science/Edstrom Animal Watering system. Estimated cost for a base + 3 option year contact is \$53,627.00

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

The system installed at the VAMC Memphis was designed and engineered by Avidity Science specifically for that facility. Edstrom manufactured components including Watchdog can be only sourced through Avidity Science directly. Avidity Science, LLC (formerly Edstrom) is the only company authorized to service the equipment, per a sole source letter received by the company.

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

The Veterans Information Pages (VIP) was consulted and no SDVOSB/VOSB were identified to perform this service. Avidity Science, as the OEM, has full ownership right of this highly specialized software with no third-party servicers, and uses manufacturer trained personnel. Avidity Science has proprietary rights and resources for support on this equipment and software. No other vendors are capable of meeting the requirements.

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.*

Christina B. Smith
Contracting Officer

9/09/2019
Date