

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification for Single Source Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$150K)**

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C776-19-AP-4432

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Procurement Office Central
4401 D Meramec Bottom Road
St. Louis, MO 63129
Contracting Officer: William Singleton
Contract Specialist: Michael O'Donnell
Employee Education System, PR-IFCAP 777-20-1-6722-0001

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

The Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC). The TNCC course curriculum, skill stations, and certification is copyrighted by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). Specific TNCC certification is required for most nurses working in VAMC Emergency Departments across VHA. The purpose of the Trauma Nurse Core Course is to teach Registered Nurses core level knowledge, assessment and psychomotor skills, which are defined as central or key elements of the multidimensional processes involved in the initial assessment and management of sick or injured patients. TNCC provides a foundation for integrated communication and collaboration in identifying and treating the sick or injured. The intent of TNCC is to help the nurse develop a rapid and accurate approach when caring for the ill or injured patient.

This is a new action and will be awarded as a firm fixed price contract.

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

The ENA is the only vendor of the TNCC course and it currently is in use by the VA. The ENA is the only vendor of this course and does not have any outside distributors.

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

Based on Market research the Emergency Nurses Association is the only vendor of this course. According to an email received from Michelle O'Driscoll, the Course Management Supervisor, they are the only outlet for this course. This course is not available through any

distributor including any SDVOSB or VOSB(s). The TNCC course curriculum, skill stations, and certification is copyrighted by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). This course is only available from the ENA.

4. **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*

William J. Singleton
Contracting Officer

Date