

**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-1742**

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 9, Lexington VA Medical Center has a requirement for a contractor to provide full service preventative maintenance and repair for two (2) Abiomed A/C Impella Controllers. NCO 9, 1639 Medical Center Parkway, Suite 400, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 is responsible for the contracting action. This justification for single source award will be posted to FedBizOpps. The procurement document is 596-20-1-077-0034.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** The Lexington VA Health Care System requires a full-service contract on two Abiomed A/C Impella Controllers, with services to include both corrective and preventative maintenance. The contract is to include unlimited repairs and an annual preventative maintenance visit per unit. All parts, labor, and shipping to be included. Estimated cost for a base plus four option year contract is \$85,000.00. The period of performance is 10/01/2019 through 09/30/2024.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The Lexington VA Health Care System does not have any service technicians who are trained and certified by the manufacturer to support and maintain the Impella controllers. These are specialized units that operate the Impella heart pump. Per the manufacturer, Abiomed is the sole provider of factory-trained and certified technical support and who have specialized test equipment to service the Impella system.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** The following market research and results were found –

  - (1) VIP Search of NAICS 811219 and keywords “abiomed impella” resulted in zero (0) vendors found. VIP Search of NAICS 811219 and keyword “heart pump” resulted four (4) vendors found that do not provide heart pump service of the Impella Controllers.
  - (2) A keyword search of “Impella Controller” on FDS resulted in only Abiomed, Inc. for results.
  - (3) SBA search using NAICS 811219 and “heart pump”, “impella” or “abiomed” resulted in zero (0) vendors.
  - (4) GSA search using “impella controller” resulted in zero (0) vendors.
  - (5) Intent to sole source was posted to FedBizOpps from 06/28/2019 through 07/15/2019 with no responses.

These full-service preventative maintenance, maintenance, and repairs can only be performed by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) due to the specialized training, test equipment, and replacement parts.

- 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.*

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Craig S. Ziegemeier  
Contracting Officer

7/17/2019

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