

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A)
For
Brand Name Only

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C246-20-AP-0128

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 06, Hampton VA Medical Center, 100 Emancipation Drive, Hampton, VA 23667 Purchase Request No. 637-20-1-167-0031.
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** The Asheville VAMC has a requirement to procure the BioCartis Idylla assay kits. The test cartridges must be used on the BioCartis Idylla Biomarker testing platform that is already in place at Asheville VAMC.
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** These cartridges will be used in conjunction with the Idylla Biocartis analyzer which will allow the Charles George VA Medical Center to perform genetic tumor marker testing for its own medical center and most facilities in the VISN. All test cartridges must be compatible with and able to be loaded into the Idylla Biocartis automated biomarker testing analyzer.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Research was conducted using VIP, FPDS, NAC, SAC, GSA, and Internet. When querying VIP using NAICS 339113 and keywords “assay kits” 116 SDVOSBs and 12 VOSBs were found. Although multiple vendors were located, this brand is required and referred due to the integrated system enables clinical laboratories to perform a broad range of applications in oncology, infectious diseases and beyond.
5. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR 8.405-6. I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

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