

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Brand-name Justification IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)

For

Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C257-20-AP-0122

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 17, Network Contracting Officer in San Antonio is purchasing on behalf of Dallas VA Medical Center, under request (2237) number 549-20-1-014-0037.
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to purchase an Osteomed's Profile Zero Low Profile Neuro Plating System for North Texas with an authorized Osteomed distributor. The request for Osteomed's Neuro Plating System is to upgrade from the existing Neuro plating system that is antiquated. The current system has thicker heavier plates and screws that don't contour to the anatomy. The request for this updated system is needed for continued advancement in Neuro Surgical procedures. The equipment is estimated for a total cost of .
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**
  - Comprehensive plates and meshes with a profile thickness of .25MM
  - Beveled plate edges for reduced palpability.
  - Easily contours to the patient's anatomy.
  - Low profile screws
  - Customizable VisiDisk
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Market research was conducted, and it was confirmed that no other system's plates have the .25MM profile with the beveled edges that allows virtually no palpability. Also, a search of VIP, utilizing the keyword search for "plate," resulted in 11 SDVOSB/VOSBs being found. Although, the requested equipment is not available on GSA. The DSBS search found 8 SDVOSBs, who may be able to provide the requested system. The IGCE for this requirement is \$158,847.00 from an SDVOSB vendor catalog, Fidelis Sustainability Distribution. Therefore, there is a reasonable expectation that a fair market price can be obtained from two or more SDVOSB vendors.
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.*

Shantelle Mayfield  
Contracting Officer

10/22/2019  
Date