

**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: 36C255-20-AP-0052**

**1. Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs,  
VISN 15 Facilities: (See list of Medical Centers below.)

RPOC Central, NCO 15  
3450 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Leavenworth, Ks. 66048

*2237: Multiple TBD*

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

Requirement for VISN 15 Laboratories, to establish a contract for Automated Microbiology Blood Culture Systems Cost per Test and Cost per Reportable performance using BioMerieux blood culture analyzers already in place at VISN 15 Laboratories for;

- Kansas City
- Columbia
- Marion
- Poplar Bluff
- St. Louis
- Topeka/Leavenworth
- Wichita
- Evansville CBOC,

This is to allow testing to continue until a new contract can be implemented for VISN 15.

The estimated value of the proposed action for five months is;

Facility	Estimated Costs
Kansas City	\$29,913.00
Columbia	\$14,255.00
Topeka/Leavenworth	\$9,715.75
Wichita	\$16,360.00
St Louis	\$24,840.63
Marion	\$12,217.50
Poplar Bluff	\$4,595.00
TOTAL COSTS	\$111,896.88

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

Current contract was established as a BPA against a FSS Contract with a base and 4 one year options. The FSS contract expired and the vendor is no-longer offering a CPT under their new FSS contract requiring a new contract to be established. Once an award is made for the new contract, analyzers must be installed, and validation testing must occur prior to releasing patient results IAW Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA). Deployment of the number of analyzers required to provide testing for VISN15 is estimated to take 2-3 months. Once installed, the validation testing will begin. Validation testing estimated to take 2 to 3 months to complete. In addition, training of medical technologist will need to occur for the new meters. This process can take several weeks to a month to complete as staff on all shifts will need to be trained.

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

A search of VETBIZ, did not identify any available vendors using NAICS code 325413 and PSC code 6640. An intent to sole source was posted to FBO, notifying vendors of our intent.

As stated above, current contract is only being replaced as the FSS Contract is no longer valid. A new package to establish a new contract has been submitted and is currently being completed. This requirement is only for 5 months to allow for any new equipment associated with the new contract to be delivered, installation completed, testing validations to be done, and training of staff to be completed. This contract will allow the new contract to be established and other requirements to be completed. It is not realistic to send the testing associated with this requirement to a referral laboratory due to the critical nature of the testing. Results can be needed immediately for patients suffering from cardiac arrest, diabetic shock or renal failure.

**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.*

*Note: COs are required to make a determination of price reasonableness IAW FAR 13.106-3. See the [S19 Open Market \(FAR13\) Award Documentation Form with Abstract](#) to document price reasonableness.*

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