

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Brand Name Single Source

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office (NCO) 20, 5115 NE 82nd ave
Suite 103 Vancouver, WA 98662-6182

2. Nature of the Action Being Processed:

This acquisition is to obtain, by the use of a "Single Source"; the purchase of OPMI PICO MICROSCOPE BODY WITHOUT| MAGNIFICATION CHANGER, Pico diagnostic microscope from Carl Zeiss Meditec.

3. Description of Supplies or Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:

This procurement under PR # 663-13-3-9961-0090 for \$37,673.49 is for an integrated video camera for patient education and image documentation.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Restriction in Competition:

The statutory authority for restricting competition under SAP, or Single Sourcing, for acquisitions under \$150,000 or Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) is **41 U.S.C. 253(c), as implemented by FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)**. The specific reason for restricting competition is only one source can provide. This justification is where in accordance with FAR 6.001(a), acquisitions conducted under FAR 13 for SAP are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2, IAW the VHA SOP for Other Than Full And Open Competition dated 3-22-2011.

5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):

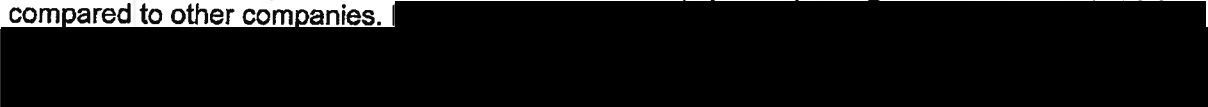
This is a replacement for our current PICO microscope/camera in Otolaryngology Section. Personnel in the Section will use and operate the microscope/camera for patient education and image documentation this is a diagnostic microscope consisting of an OPMI Pico with a 5 step magnification charger, integrated red-free and orange filters with a quick change illumination system. These features are available on the OPMI Pico microscope at this time.

6. Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that Offers are Solicited from As Many Potential Sources as Deemed Practicable IAW FAR 13.104:

Only One Responsible Source (FAR 6.302-1) has been found that the manufacture, Carl Zeiss Meditec is the only one at this time that can provide this equipment. The Contracting Specialist has researched on FSS, GSA., Vetbiz, and SBA pages for other vendors who may provide this type of equipment however found there was no other vendor at this time that can provide what the Seattle VA hospital needs.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable – IAW FAR 13.106-3:

The Contracting Officer has determined that the anticipated cost to the government will be fair and reasonable based on other companies. When researching on Google the price that was provided from Carl Zeiss Meditec for \$37,673.49 for the entire equipment package is fair and reasonable compared to other companies.



8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or Statement of Reasons Market Research was not Conducted (FAR 10):

Market research was conducted on the VetBiz Registry, GSA Advantage and Search.USA.gov. None of the sites revealed any service disabled veteran owned companies or small veteran owned business. This is a diagnostic microscope consisting of an OPMI Pico with a 5 step magnification charger, integrated red-free and orange filters with a quick change illumination system. When market research was conducted an equivalent product was not found.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Restriction of Competition:

Market research has revealed there is only one responsible source for this procurement. We would like to purchase from Zeiss due to consistency and quality.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

None

11. Statement of Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making Subsequent Acquisitions for the Supplies or Services Required:

None

12. Requirements Certification - IAW FAR 6.303-2(c):

(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service, someone with responsibility and accountability)

I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a bonafide need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Diane A. Diggins

Name: Diane A. Diggins

Position: Administrative Services Manager

4/29/2013

Date

13. Approvals IAW VHA SOP 3.22.11:

- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification: (required)** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Bethany Ireton

Name: Bethany Ireton

Contracting Officer

NCO 20 (Supply Team B)

4/29/2013

Date

- b. **NCM/PCM/DESIGNEE:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval for other than full and open competition.

Andres Arredondo

NCO 20 (Supply Team B)

Name: Andres Arredondo

Acting Team Manager

4/29/2013

Date