DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Single Source Awards IAW RFO 12
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C250-26-AP-3094

1. **Contracting Activity:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) 10, Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Cleveland, OH (CLE VAMC), Network Contracting Office (NCO) 10.

   Transaction: 541-26-3-250-0276

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

   The Government requires the acquisition of one (1) HCTS2000 MK2 Automated Specimen Sorter manufactured by Sarstedt, including all necessary components, software, installation, integration, and training to support laboratory accessioning operations within Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service (PALMS).

   - CLIN 0001: HCTS2000 MK2 Automated Specimen Sorter (Base System) – Qty: 1
   - CLIN 0002: Installation, configuration, and system integration with LIS/EHRM – Qty: 1 Lot
   - CLIN 0003: On-site training and user support – Qty: 1 Lot
   - CLIN 0004: Warranty and maintenance support – Qty: 1 Lot

   The system will be used to automate the scanning, accessioning, and routing of patient specimens to appropriate laboratory sections and analyzers, ensuring timely, accurate diagnostic processing and compatibility with the VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) platform.

   ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: $77,900.00

   REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: 60 Days ARO

3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The HCTS2000 MK2 Automated Specimen Sorter, manufactured by Sarstedt, is required to support laboratory accessioning and integration with the VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) system (Oracle Health). The system provides automated barcode scanning, specimen identification, accessioning, and

routing capabilities necessary to maintain workflow efficiency and ensure accurate diagnostic processing within Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service (PALMS).

This requirement is urgent due to the need to ensure compatibility with the EHRM (Oracle Health) system within required implementation timelines. The HCTS2000 MK2 is uniquely capable of interfacing with the existing laboratory environment and supporting the required data exchange and workflow integration without the need for extensive interface development, system redesign, or infrastructure modification.

Market research and vendor responses confirmed that the system is only available through authorized channels controlled by the OEM, and no other sources were identified that can provide the required system with validated compatibility, installation capability, and timely integration with EHRM. Use of non-authorized vendors or alternative systems would introduce unacceptable risk to system performance, warranty support, and the ability to meet critical implementation timelines, potentially resulting in delays to laboratory operations and impacts to patient care.

Therefore, only one responsible source is capable of meeting the Government's requirement within the required timeframe.

4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Market research was not finalized due to this acquisition is conducted in accordance with FAR Part 12, utilizing the simplified procedures outlined in FAR 12.201-1 for commercial products. Due to the urgent requirement and lack of alternative sources capable of meeting the Government's needs within the required timeframe, and patient care, competition is restricted in accordance with FAR 6.302-2. This action also aligns with FAR Part 18, Emergency Acquisitions.

5. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with RFO 12. I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

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