DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATION UNDER SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REVOLUTIONARY FAR OVERHAUL 12.102(b)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C255-26-AP-1482

1. **Contracting Activity:** *Network Contracting Office (NCO) 15, 3450 S. 4th Street Trafficway, Leavenworth, KS 66408 in support with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN) 15 Facilities, in support of St Louis Health Care System 915 N. Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63106*

   Purchase Request Number: 657-26-2-8543-0066

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** *This procurement is a firm firm-fixed-price Brand Name Justification for Stryker Surgical Tools in accordance with RFO 12.102(b) Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Item.*

   The VA St. Louis Health Care System requires the purchase of Stryker System 9 powered surgical tools and associated accessories to support orthopedic, cardiothoracic, ENT, and other surgical procedures. This procurement is a new acquisition to replace obsolete Stryker System 6 and System 8 tools that has reached end-of-life and is no longer fully supported by the manufacturer.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** *The acquisition includes Stryker System 9 handpieces, TPX handpieces, CORE 2 console, batteries, sterile battery chargers, drill attachments, chucks, collets, sterilization containers, and related accessories to ensure the equipment is fully functional.*

   [redacted]

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Restricted Competition:**
   RFO 12.102(b) Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items. The statutory authority for applying the Simplified Procedures for Commercial Items of RFO 12.102(b)is 41 U.S.C. § 1901 and is implemented by RFO 12.102(b) for restricting competition on this procurement. ***Competition is restricted on this procurement for the reason below****:*

   (X) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements
   ( ) Unusual and Compelling Urgency
   ( ) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services
   ( ) International Agreement
   ( ) Authorized or Required by Statute
   ( ) National Security
   ( ) Public Interest

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** *The VA St. Louis Health Care System currently utilizes the Stryker-powered surgical systems for orthopedic, cardiothoracic, ENT, and other surgical specialties. The Government's minimum need is not simply powered surgical instruments, but instruments that are fully compatible with the existing Stryker environment, including batteries, chargers, attachments, sterilization containers, and established operating room which are not interchangeable with other systems.*
   Stryker System 9, TPX, and CORE components are proprietary and manufactured exclusively by Stryker. [redacted]
   Transitioning to any non-Stryker system would also necessitate replacement of compatible accessories, sterilization containers, batteries, chargers, surgical attachments, and related infrastructure. Surgeons, OR staff, and Sterile Processing personnel would require retraining; new sterilization protocols would need to be developed and validated; and duplicate inventories would be required throughout the transition [redacted]

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** *This solicitation will be published on SAM.gov to seek competition amongst authorized distributors and the OEM to maximize potential sources amongst vendors who can provide the proprietary items, thus maximizing the ability to get fair and reasonable pricing in a limited pool of competitors.*

7. **Determination by the CO that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** *A fair and reasonable price determination will be made by comparison to the Independent Government Cost Estimate that was formulated by using market research of historical pricing from same or similar scope contracts that have been determined fair and reasonable, and market price lists in conjunction with the pricing methods in accordance with RFO 12.204.*

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** [redacted]

[redacted]

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** *None*

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

[redacted]

11. **A Statement of the 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**:

    There will be continued surveillance to monitor the industry for new entrances to the market place. Due to this requirement replacing part of a system, once the entire system nears the end of its life expectancy, the equipment team will reevaluate their facility's needs with the current industry capabilities and the VA's long term strategic planning to maximize competition to the extent practical.

12. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide 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.

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Juan Payne
Acquisition Utilization Specialist
St. Louis

13. Approvals in accordance with the VHAPM Part 806.3 OFOC SOP:

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

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b. **One Level Above the Contracting Officer (Required over $350K but not exceeding $900K):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Director of Contracting
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c. **VHA Advocate for Competition and RPO HCA Review and Approval:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve $900K to $90 million for other than full and open competition.

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Daryl A. Berg
Executive Director, RPO Central
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