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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Single Source Awards IAW <u>FAR 13.106-1</u>
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C242-25-AP-1625

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 02, NCO Contracting Office, 113 Holland Avenue, Albany NY 12208

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

Buffalo and Batavia VA Hospitals are in the need of Medical gases, cylinder fills and cylinder rentals, this will be a short term, (3 month) bridge contract that will allow the VA to compete for a new 5 year contract. The estimated amount for the period of performance is \$30,295.08

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

In the process of preparing the solicitation for a new long-term contract, the requesting service hit a delay. While getting ready to post a solicitation, the contracting officer realized that the facility did not have a detailed itemized list of what containers were needed, this includes how many rentals they need per month, what sizes, how many fills they needed for both owned and rented containers. This information is of great importance to allow potential vendors the opportunity to provide a realistic quote based on the needs of the facilities. Haun Specialty Gases is the incumbent contractor and are prepared to continue service until a new long-term contract can be negotiated and put into place. Haun's tanks are currently in use, it would take a month or longer to get new tanks from another vendor in place which would result in a disruption of services to our Veteran customers. This temporary contract is being submitted to give the facility enough time to initiate a well-constructed competed contract for the benefit of our Veterans.

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

SBA was searched for NAICS code 325120 and key words "medical gases" which returned 7 results. SBA was also searched for NAICS code 325120 with keywords "medical gases" and filtered for SDVOSB's and returned 3 results, R&M Government Services, Artius and Daka Group.

GSA Library and GSA Advantage were searched for "Medical Gases" and returned no results, the contracting officer also has extensive knowledge of these types of procurements and knows that there are no companies who have these types of contracts on federal schedule.

A sources sought was posted on 12/19/2024 was posted on 12/19/2024 and the results were as follows:

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BlueJacket Industries a verified SDVOSB responded on 12/26/2024 that they were interested in t his procurement.

Green Lantern LLC, a women owned small business responded that they were interested in this solicitation on 12/19/2024.

RAS, a verified SDVOSB responded on 12/19/2024 that they were interested in this requirement.

FPDS was searched for medical gases and there were thousands on results which helped establish the NAICS code and PSC.

VETCERT was searched for NAICS code 325120 which returned 87 total results. VETCERT was also searched for "Green Lantern and Haun" which are not SDVOSB's. It was also searched for "Bluejacket and RAS" which are self-certified SDVOSB's.

Based on the market research it was determined that a SDVOSB set aside would be used in the solicitation for the new long term contract once the delay is rectified.

•	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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