

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: 36C263-21-AP-4154

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office 23 (NCO23), Sioux Falls VA Health Care System (SFVAHCS) Facilities Management Engineering Department, Purchase Request Number: 438-21-4-040-0233.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** A new construction project that has a need for brand-named sole source items –Biosafety Cabinet and Laminar Airflow Workstations. This is a partial requirement for Project 438-20-109 Upgrade Pharmacy 797 (SF) which the contractor shall completely renovate a space for the Pharmacy Compounding Rooms referred to as Pharmacy 797. The space is a suite inside of the existing Pharmacy space in Building 5. Construction includes automated controls to maintain proper pressure profiles within the compounding rooms. The project also updates several electrical circuits in the existing pharmacy space to be powered by emergency power circuits. This project also includes plumbing, HVAC, fire safety, and electrical work. The specific work associated with Nuair is a model NU-543-600 LabGard ES Air Biosafety Cabinet and a NU-240-630 AireGard ES Laminar Airflow Workstation. Both required pieces of equipment include optional add-on features as specified in the construction documents.
- 3.** The overall construction project will be solicited in a competitive environment as a 100% Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business set-aside and will be awarded as a Firm-Fixed Price contract. The estimated cost for this partial requirement of the project is a combined cost of \$18,448 FOUO (Laminar airflow -\$7,516 IGCE and Biosafety Cabinet - \$10,932 IGE).
- 4. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The specified brand-named Nuair is the only system that is design to be fully functional with the critical air handling system within this design. Due to the critical nature of the air flows within the Pharmacy 797 requirements, it is imperative that the exact hoods specified be used. In previous projects, hood variation caused balancing issues within the space and overall air flow characteristics could not be met without significant modifications to the space. Station service contracts also exist to ensure the hoods are maintained in compliance with pharmacy regulations. Throughout other pharmacy spaces these exact duplicate hoods are used and maintained with existing service contracts.
- 5. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Market research was conducted prior to selecting this manufacturer as the facilities standard product. This justification is specific to Nuair. This partial requirement for this project is critical to the overall safety of pharmacy staff during compounding operations. Market analysis with pharmacy hoods showed variation in specifications. Due to the close tolerances of airflow, the specific brand

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Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under the SAT

and model hoods should be used. Using another hood will cause re-design requirements in order to properly meet airflow requirements.

- 6. 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.*

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