

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:** This is a new construction project that has a need for a Brand-named sole source item entitled: Biosafety Cabinet and Laminar Airflow Workstations manufactured by Nuair. 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 required parts to meet the VA's needs are: Nuair Model #NU-543-600 Lab Gard ES Air Biosafety Cabinet and a NU-240-630 Aire Gard ES Laminar Airflow Workstation. Both pieces of equipment are required to meet the VA's needs in this pharmacy project.
- 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 the brand name equipment required is **\$21,846.00**.
- 4. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The specified brand-name manufacturer is Nuair who is the only company that can provide the components to make the pharmacy design fully functional for critical air flows within the Pharmacy 797 requirement. In previous projects, other manufacturer hoods caused balancing issues within the space and overall air flow characteristics and could not be met without significant modifications to the space. Other VISN 23 VA Pharmacies, including Iowa City have found that these are the only components that meet the VA's requirements for this type of application.
- 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. Inquiries into VISN 23 Pharmacies indicated that the Iowa City VA discovered this manufacturer and these components met their needs vs. other manufacturer's equipment. They found that these components are critical to the overall safety of pharmacy staff during compounding operations. Due to the close tolerances of airflow required, the specific brand and model hoods must be used in order to properly meet airflow requirements.

VHAPM Part 813.106 Simplified Acquisition Procedures: Soliciting from a Single Source
Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under the SAT

- 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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