

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: 36C263-22-AP-4630

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office 23 (NCO23), 3600 30th Street, Des Moines, IA 50310.
Requiring Activity: VA Black Hills Health Care System (VABHHCS), Fort Meade VA Medical Center, Facilities Management Engineering Department, 113 Comanche Road, Fort Meade, SD 57741.
VA Purchase Request Form 2237 number: 568-22-4-9972-0037.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** A new construction project that has a need for a brand-named sole source items – thirteen (13) Hillrom Likorall ES250 overhead patient lifts and two (2) Hillrom UltraTwin lifts. This is a partial requirement for Project 568-14-110 Renovate and Consolidate Inpatient Functions which the contractor shall renovate the second floor of Building 113 in phases to accommodate the operational needs of the facility. This project will take multi-bedrooms and condense them to the proper single patient beds/ double patient beds. This project will also replace the HVAC in the space to meet new COVID requirements. There will be a new elevator installed on this project and the 1st floor will be renovated around the elevator to accommodate the change in patient flow. 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 [REDACTED].
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The specified brand-named Hillrom Likorall ES250 and the Hillrom UltraTwin lifts are the inclusive patient lift system that is currently being used at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center and are considered to be a highly specialized system throughout the facility. The intent is to install the same patient lifts as used throughout the rest of the medical center in order to use in-stock (readily available at the facility) replacement parts/materials and equipment for repairs of these lifts which will significantly reduce maintenance and repair costs to the Government. Also, many compatible accessories of the Hillrom lifts are readily available at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center which allows for interchangeable and multi-purpose uses on all the patient lifts at the facility. In addition, little to no additional training efforts of staff will be required for these lifts as current staff are trained using the Hillrom patient lifts and this will reduce staff (human) errors by being able to use the exact system that the staff is already knowledgeable of. Lastly, by using the Hillrom patient lifts, there would be no need for additional preventative maintenance contracts which would be cost savings to the Government.

Overall, using the Hillrom Likorall ES250 and UltraTwin overhead patient lifts will allow for better use of existing replacement parts, staff consistency of the lifts, and reduced maintenance/troubleshooting efforts.

- 4. 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 base.

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

This justification is specific to Hillrom Likorall ES250 and UltraTwin overhead patient lifts. This partial requirement of this project is a minor extension of the existing patient lift system at the facility. Currently, there are no competing manufacturers whose products are fully compatible and can be interchangeable with the existing patient lifts. If a manufacturer other than Hillrom is found to have the capability to use interchangeable parts and equipment for maintenance and be able to provide exact functionality of the Hillrom Likorall ES250 and UltraTwin patient lifts, then it will be considered acceptable. None to date is known or shown to be available.

By standardizing the patient lifts at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center, it allows the Government to take advantage of cost savings on spare parts, training, maintenance and service contracts, and accessories. Should another patient lift system be used it would create duplication of costs for the Government and increased possibility of staff (human) error when working with patients in the lifts.

5. **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.*

Date: 6/27/2022

Angie Mabley
NCO 23 Contracting Officer